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Germans' Counter-offensive

U.S. TROOPS DIG IN ON FIRST ARMY FRONT

Berlin Says Advance Going On

[Reuter and A.P. Reports.]

AMERICAN 1st Army troops were reported last night to be "digging in," in face of Marshal von Rundstedt's counter-offensive, which began on Saturday.

Heavy fighting is in progress. Both sides have imposed a "security silence," and there are no details of the battle. A Berlin report stated last night: "The German advance is going on."

According to A.P., the entire 1st and 9th Army fronts on Sunday night were lighted by flares, and rocked to the thunder of anti-aircraft guns and explosions from new German secret weapons, details of which are restricted at present. One is said to be a new type of V-weapon.

Reuter stated that German half-track vehicles were attacked yesterday at Stavelot, near Malmedy, indicating that the Germans had pushed westwards at least fifteen miles with tracked armoured vehicles.

A great battle is being fought "in secret" along a 50-mile stretch of the U.S. 1st Army front, states Reuter's Special Correspondent at Allied Supreme Headquarters. The Allied commanders yesterday imposed a stringent news "black-out" over the whole area of the German counter-offensive, as the situation is very fluid in some sectors.

It was feared that any information about areas of fighting, or gains made by the Germans, might help Marshal von Rundstedt, whose own communications at this early stage may be imperfect.

The last "black-out" was imposed at the critical stage of the Arnhem operations. There was a previous one during General Patton's advance across Central France.

The last news before the security curtain fell was that the Germans were still advancing at some points, but that measures to deal with the situation were in hand.

ON BROAD FRONT

Yesterday's German communiqué said: "Strong German forces, after a brief, but extremely violent, artillery preparation, went over to the attack on a broad front from the West Wall at 5.30 on the morning of December 16th, and in the first onrush overran the forward American positions between the High Venn and the north part of Luxembourg.

"The great offensive battle, which is covered by strong fighter formations, is making favourable progress. Details cannot be given until later, as to do so now would be giving information away to the surprised enemy."

All along the front American troops have been "digging-in," establishing positions which will offer the most formidable resistance to the German Panzers, states Reuter's correspondent at U.S. 1st Army H.Q.

Front-line dispatches report that the battle may be one of the most decisive of the war.

The Germans fed heavy concentrations of armour into the "key" points of their drive, and large numbers of tanks and armoured vehicles supported the German infantry. The German armour was heavily engaged by American tank-destroyer units.

The Allied Command is taking measures to deal with the situation, and there is no cause for undue alarm, the correspondent added, although it is realised that this is a major German effort. Marshal von Rundstedt undoubtedly has thrown a large part of his strategic reserves into the battle, which probably is an attempt to derail General Eisenhower's winter offensive and hold the Americans on the Roer and the fringe of the Saar until spring. It is possible that it may develop into a final German effort to turn the tables.

The German armoured weight was sprung into position from the Ruhr industrial region behind the lines, honeycombed with the densest rail system in Europe. Targets in this region were heavily bombed by the Allied air forces.

There is no further news about the mopping up of the considerable number of German paratroops dropped behind the 1st and 9th Armies, although a number were previously reported captured.

A German Overseas News Agency war reporter stated:—"Ever since early Saturday morning German tanks have been rolling along the roads of the German-Belgian border area.

"Artillery is joining in with thousands of guns. Towns and villages in the hard-pressed western part of Germany have come to life again overnight."

The German News Agency stated last night:—

"The greater part of Northern Luxembourg has already been crossed on a broad front and the battles are approaching the Luxembougr-Belgian frontier. The Americans have been making repeated attacks from the south-west to hold the German advance, but their efforts were in vain. On the northern flank of the front, along which the Germans are attacking, their formations, strengthened with armoured units, have thrust forward to the Malmedy area.

"It is not impossible that further surprises will be in store for the enemy in the next few days. It may even be that British soldiers who have been promised leave in January may have to do without it.

"The German High Command based its counter-offensive blueprint on the assumption that there would be fierce opposition in the first phase of the action. Instead, all organised resistance rapidly crumbled, and the German High Command found its task considerably eased."

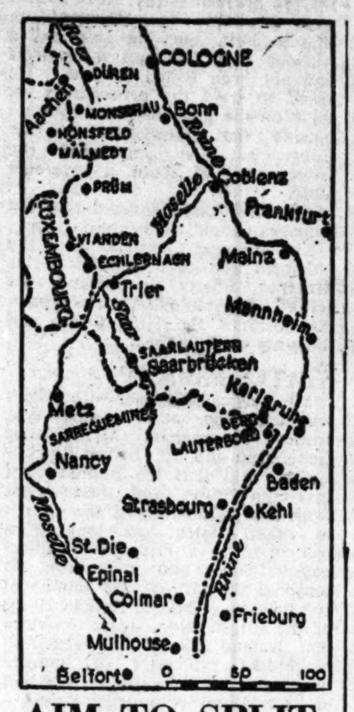
The German News Agency correspondent, Walter Plato, wrote that a completely new situation had developed on the west front.

"War materials are not here in abundance, but there are enough for our present needs, and already the whole face of the war seems to take on a different aspect.

"The Luftwaffe is making up all its leeway. We are working day and night on new surprise weapons. For months we have been trying to manufacture a large number of fighters. Now they are where they are needed. Let us not quarrel whether they are new or old. During the first two days we have sent far more than 1,000 fighters and fighter-bombers into action."

New York Radio reported yesterday that troops of the 7th Army are now fighting only six miles from Karlsruhe, and two and a-half miles inside Germany, west of the Rhine.

The 9th Army yesterday captured the towns of Wurm and Mullendorf, and finally cleared another town, Beeck, south of Wurm.



AIM TO SPLIT DRIVE FOR COLOGNE

WRITING on the German counter-offensive in the West, our Military Correspondent says that at present it cannot be regarded as having more than the limited objective of easing Allied pressure elsewhere and disrupting the Allied thrust towards Cologne.

Of the German penetration into Belgium in the vicinity of Malmédy, he says that this rapid transition from stubborn resistance to speedy attack, over ground already ravaged by war and weather, is proof of the possession by the Germans of adequate forces and materials necessary for such an attack.

The left wing thrust further south which has entered Luxembourg at Echternach recalls that it was through here that in 1940 the original German drive, which smashed the 9th French Army at Sedan and opened the way to the sea, took place. The value of this thrust lies in a potential threat to the unity of the Allied Army groups to the north and south.

The fact that the Germans were able to go over to the attack is proof that the quality of German resistance—which in itself is not in doubt—is still being supported by an adequate flow of war materials, despite the incessant Allied air attacks. It further suggests that the German High Command is not unduly disturbed by the likelihood or, alternatively, the effectiveness of renewed Russian activity on the Polish and East Prussian fronts.

The general Allied offensive has by this move lost its balance. It remains to be seen whether, in turn, the German attack may not overreach itself, thus endangering the southern sector of the front, or whether it may succeed in so upsetting the Allies as to neutralise the effect of their recent advances.

"Weakest Point Of Allied Line"

U.S. War Department sources disclosed in Washington last night that the German counter-offensive struck the weakest part of the Allied line. According to A.P., they conceded that some Allied units might get "bottled up" in the advance.

The sector at which the German attack was thrown, officials explained, was weak because of a wide dispersal of Allied divisions. The sector was lightly held because the terrain in front of and behind the line was not considered very important. The Germans, it was said, had thrown in a substantial part of their strategic general reserves, including at least three Panzer units, and now had a numerical superiority on that sector of two or three times the Allied strength.

These sources declined to speculate on how far the German offensive might carry, but said that it still could go a lot further without causing serious damage.—A.P.

Heavy Air Blows At Germany

R.A.F. Bomber Command made heavy attacks on three widely separated railway centres in Germany during Sunday night and early yesterday, over 1,300 aircraft being engaged.

A force of Lancasters first bombed the railway and industrial town of Ulm, and later another force of Lancasters bombed Munich, a focal point of the whole German railway system, says the Press Association. Large fires were seen at both objectives.

Early yesterday about 500 Halifaxes and Lancasters set out for Duisburg, the main exit from the Ruhr towards the front, where there is a vast network of railways round the inland port.

Approximately 500 Flying Fortresses of the U.S.A. 8th Air Force attacked marshalling yards at Cologne, Coblenz, Mainz, and elsewhere in Western Germany. They were escorted by more than 600 Mustangs.

The British Air Ministry News Service says that pin-point Spitfire bombers power-dived 5,000 feet "to smash a V-2 store and erection and launching site" in Holland yesterday. After their bombs had gone there was seen a terrific explosion in the target area.

Five of a family were killed when a V-bomb fell in a Southern England street recently. In all, twelve bodies were recovered from the wreckage of many houses and two persons were missing.

Many shoppers were injured when another V-bomb exploded. Shop windows were blown out, and a large hotel, crowded with visitors, was badly damaged.—(Reuter and P.A.)

U.S. Casualties on West Front

A report from Supreme H.Q., Paris, this morning states that U.S. Army casualties, not counting the air forces, during operations in France, the Low Countries and Germany from D-day to December 1st total 258,124, made up of 24,863 missing, 44,143 killed, and 119,118 wounded. Casualties in November totalled

Luftwaffe Sent Up In Force

THE German counter-offensive was marked in the early stages by the most violent air battles for months. The Luftwaffe was sent up in strength on Sunday, and again yesterday.

Air battles went on all day on Sunday in the Bonn-Duren-Aachen-Julich area, and it was claimed that the Allied Tactical Air Forces destroyed 109 German fighters, probably destroyed 11, and damaged 48.

Allied sources state that 38 Allied aircraft were lost. The German communiqué yesterday said that 69 Allied aircraft had been shot down.

The 9th Tactical Air Command reported as many as 400 fighters sighted during the day, which is the biggest estimate of German strength. The battles went on for hours.

The Luftwaffe was up again yesterday to give heavy support to the German ground forces. By early afternoon 150 German planes had been sighted over the 1st Army area. R.A.F. Spitfires and Tempests of No. 8 group, which normally operate over the Canadian Army area, were switched yesterday to the 1st and 9th Army sectors.

In diversionary support for the counter-offensive the Germans, for the second night running, dropped a group of parachutists behind the 9th Army front during Sunday night. Only about ten landed in the 19th Corps sector and six were quickly rounded up. The Luftwaffe also dropped flares and anti-personnel bombs well behind front areas. The Germans are also aggressively minded in the Canadian sector further north, where a raiding force seized an outpost. — (Reuter and A.P.)

German "Screen Of Deception"

Martin Hallensleben, Military Correspondent of the German News Agency, wrote last night of "one of the German High Command's most daring decisions." This, he said, was the decision "temporarily to leave air superiority completely to the British and Americans."

"This decision has paid ample dividends. Under this screen of deception a surprise, almost unique in history, was achieved. The enemy misjudged our preparations.

"The attack on a front of some 65 miles was also meant to deceive Eisenhower, who was able to take the expected counter-measures only when the bulk of the German forces were streaming through the overrun American positions—that is to say, when it was already too late to be operationally effective."—(Reuter.)

U.S. Declines to Guarantee Specific Frontiers

MR. EDWARD STETTINIUS, cables Reuter's special correspondent, stated yesterday in Washington that the United States endorses a change of frontiers in Poland, "subject to certain conditions."

"In the case of the future frontiers of Poland," he said, "if mutual agreement is realised by the United Nations directly concerned, this Government would have no objection to such an agreement, which could make an essential contribution to the prosecution of the war against the common enemy.

"If, as a result of such an agreement, the Government and people of Poland decide that it would be in the interests of the Polish State to transfer national groups, the U.S. Government, in co-operation with other Governments, will assist Poland in so far as is practicable in such transfers.

"The U.S. Government continues to adhere to its traditional policy of declining to give guarantee for any specific frontiers," he said.

Mr. Stettinius also declared that the U.S. Government stands unequivocally for a strong, free and independent Polish State, with the untrammelled right of the Polish people to order their internal existence as they see fit.

"Mr. Churchill and the Governments of the Soviet Union, France, Czechoslovakia and Yugo-Slavia support Poland's claims to German lands east of the Oder and Lower Neisse," Dr. Stefan Yendrikowski, Moscow representative of the "Polish Committee of National Liberation," said yesterday in *Pravda*. In one of the most prominent articles, Yendrikowski said, according to an A.P. cable, that Poland has an historic right to these territories, which include western and southern sectors of East Prussia. "They are vital," he declared "to the rebuilding of a strong Polish nation."

Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent writes that the statement by Mr. Stettinius, which was communicated in advance to the British Government, is welcomed in London for two reasons:

1, After Mr. Churchill's frank exposition of the British Government's attitude a precise definition of U.S. policy was desirable; 2, the definition given by Mr. Stettinius demonstrates substantial agreement of views between the British and U.S. Governments.

Osservatore Romano, the Vatican City newspaper, commenting yesterday on Mr. Churchill's statement on Poland, said: "The example of Poland makes one think of Versailles, where the last war was going to be buried, and the new one was planted."

The newspaper, says an A.P. correspondent, asked what would happen to-morrow to the new promises to Poland about the inviolability of new frontiers when the former ones could not be guaranteed. "A Poland which would serve as a barrier for Russia against Germany; of the Orient against the Occident, has been discussed; but who will serve as a barrier for Poland?"

The Portuguese Press, which welcomed Mr. Churchill's speech on Greece, has not, says a Reuter correspondent, received his Poland speech very kindly. *Novidades* describes the speech as "the most sombre and grave which he has ever made in the House of Commons.

Faenza-Bologna Railway Cut

EIGHTH Army patrols, pushing on from Faenza, are already across the next water barrier on the way to Bologna, states Reuter's special correspondent at Allied Italian H.Q. They have crossed the Senio River just south of the great Rimini-Bologna highway. Allied troops have reached the Senio on a four-mile front.

Just to the north of Faenza, New Zealand troops have pressed forward to cut the main railway line to Bologna, which runs just north of the town.

Polish forces on the left flank of the Senio line have captured a small village on the west bank of the Sintria, and the villages of Limisano and Casette.

Canadian patrols have crossed the Fosso Munio Canal north of their bridgehead across the Canale Naviglio, and have taken 130 prisoners in a rearguard action.

Activity on the 5th Army front was limited to patrolling.

Catholic Paper Accused.—Legal proceedings have been opened against the Catholic newspaper, *La Croix*, on a charge of "intelligence with the enemy" by supporting a policy of collaboration during the occupation, states a Reuter message from Paris.

SHOPPING crowds near Nelson Pillar, at a slack period yesterday.

Margarine Ration in February

THE reduction of the butter ration next February from 8 ozs. to 6 ozs. per week will be offset to some extent by the allocation of a ration of margarine.

It is hoped that sufficient margarine then will be available to allow of a ration of 2 ozs. per week. It will be distributed by licensed butter retailers, and those who wish to obtain a ration in February are advised to lodge at once with their butter retailer Page 26 (Letter E) of their ration book.

Licensed butter dealers will obtain supplies of margarine from wholesalers, or, if they have sufficient customers, from the manufacturer direct. All licensed butter retailers, except creameries, will be entitled to deal in margarine.

Margarine manufacturers are getting their plants in order to resume production at once, the Department of Supplies having succeeded in arranging for the raw materials.

Dublin Fires

Several thousand pounds' worth of irreplaceable machinery and woodwork were lost when a bee-hive appliance factory, owned by Messrs. M. Rowan and Company, Ltd., in Campbell's Court, off Little Britain street, Dublin, and a store for egg crates, belonging to Messrs. R. Jones and Son, next door, were gutted last night. Sweeping from the top of the two-storey store, the flames could be seen almost two miles away, but the Dublin Fire Brigade had the blaze under control in less than an hour. The premises of the Phœnix Polish Company, on the other side of the factory, were slightly damaged.

Twenty tons of straw were destroyed in a fire at Killeen Paper Mills, Dublin, early this morning. The blaze was extinguished by the military and city fire brigades.

Mary B. Mitchell May be Lost

The Mary B. Mitchell, the 330-ton three-masted auxiliary schooner, which in the past year brought something of old-world sailing days back to the port of Dublin, is ashore on the coast of Scotland, and may be lost.

She was on her way to Cumberland, when she ran into a gale, which drove her ashore on the rocks of the Solway Firth on Friday evening. Her crew was taken off, but it is feared that her position is so bad that it may be impossible to save her.

The Mary B. Mitchell is the only craft of her size and type sailing the world's trade routes. She came into commission in April, 1943.

Search For Escaped Convicts Continues

Detectives continued their search in Dublin yesterday for Gerald Kilcullen, professional boxer, and William Laverty, who escaped from Mountjoy Prison last Wednesday during a riot in the workshop. Late last night the search was being continued.

The injured warder continues to improve.

Across Czech Frontier

New Russian Offensive

MOSCOW announced last night that Russian troops have reached the Czechoslovak frontier above Budapest on a 70-mile front. Inside Czechoslovakia several places have been captured, including Kamenec railway station.

The hilly, forest terrain 45 miles north-east of Miskolc has been completely cleared, Moscow announced.

The German and Hungarian flanking defence of Eastern Slovakia is steadily crumbling, Reuter's special correspondent cabled from Moscow.

Striking through the hilly country north and north-west of Miskolc, less than 100 miles N.E. of Budapest, the Russians have reached the old Hungarian-Czech border on a 70-mile front and advanced into Slovakia, where a string of little towns and villages has been captured, says Reuter's correspondent.

Last night's Soviet communiqué stated: "During December 18th, on Hungarian territory north-east of Miskolc, as the result of offensive operations, our troops have cleared the hilly forest terrain west of Satoral Ja-Ufliley (45 miles N.E. of Miskolc), and have reached the River Hernad, occupying a number of inhabited localities. Simultaneously, north and north-west of Miskolc, our troops fought their way into more than 30 inhabited localities, including Kany, Egertek and the railway stations of Bodva, Sileg and Banreve (on the Czech frontier, 25 miles N.W. of Miskolc).

"Our troops advancing from the south have reached the frontier between Hungary and Czechoslovakia on a front 70 miles wide, and, having crossed the frontier, have occupied in Czechoslovakia a number of inhabited places.

"These included Janok, Turnianska-ves, Horvaty and the railway station of Kamenec."

Satoralja Ufliely, in the Bodva River Valley, and on the Czech frontier, is a rail junction, from which a line runs to Kosice, Czech communications centre, 30 miles to the north-west.

CAPTAIN C. MATTIMOE, O.C., and men of the 11th Battery, winners of the Battery Shield, which was presented yesterday at Collins Barracks, Dublin.

Greek Politicians Fail To Reach Agreement

THE only political development reported yesterday from Greece was an eleventh hour difference in the Greek Cabinet on the appointment of a Regent. Earlier, Archbishop Damaskinos had agreed to become Regent, and it remained only for the Cabinet to obtain the consent of King George of the Hellenes.

Some members of the Cabinet are in favour of the appointment of a Regency Council of three, but the Archbishop, says Reuter, is said to be unwilling to serve on a council. Others openly oppose the whole proposal.

A British offensive with "gloves off" began yesterday morning in the Athens area.

Robert Bigio, Reuter's special correspondent in Athens, cabled last night that M. Papandreou, Greek Prime Minister, announced during the evening that the various Greek political party leaders, inside and outside his Cabinet, would submit their views individually to King George of the Hellenes in London on the proposal to appoint a Regent. The Cabinet as a body would not submit its views, he added.

This announcement is taken to indicate that the Cabinet has failed to reach unanimity on the subject.

One hundred and fifty thousand West of Scotland shipyard and factory workers yesterday held "gate meetings" of protest against the British Government's attitude on Greece. More than 200 factories and shipyards were involved. Resolutions demanding that the Government arrange an armistice in Greece were passed, and telegrams to this effect sent to Mr. Churchill.

An emergency resolution passed by the Executive Committee of the Communist Party urges an immediate agreement to end military operations and the opening of negotiations for the establishment of a provisional national government representative of all sections of the people.

Robert Bigio, Reuter's Special Correspondent in Athens, cables that British forces yesterday started a "gloves off" offensive to raise the siege on the centre of Athens by securing a communication line with the base in the Piraeus. Several E.L.A.S. strong points in the capital were captured and two Allied forces driving towards each other along the road from the sea are rapidly nearing a link-up.

General Scobie's communiqué stated that British and Indian troops have made considerable progress, and, as a result, control is rapidly being regained on the Phaleron-Piraeus coastal road and the main Leron-Athens road.

Tanks and armoured cars are engaged in surrounding a large brewery, built near the ruins of Hadrian's Arch. From the brewery E.L.A.S. snipers are holding out and the British are using smoke bombs against them.

The brewery appears to be the only point where the E.L.A.S. forces have offered serious resistance.

In a dawn attack British troops scaled and captured Stadium Hill, which overlooks the great white marble stadium, which is another E.L.A.S. stronghold. At the same time British paratroopers, who have spent ten days in semi-isolation on the top of the Acropolis Hill, descended a narrow stone stairway leading up to the Parthenon and scaled and took Monument Hill opposite. The police barracks has been completely liberated.

Simultaneously with the launching of the British drive 600 E.L.A.S. men launched an attack on R.A.F. headquarters. An attack has also been made on the Averoff Prison, near the centre of Athens, where a number of Greeks accused of being traitors and Quislings are interned. They include M. Rallis, who was Prime Minister under the German occupation. The prison is defended by British troops.

Robert Bigio cabled last night that the Averoff Prison was on fire last night following an all-day battle, in the course of which E.L.A.S. forces nearly occupied the buildings.

At Volos, about 125 miles north of Athens, the commander of a strong E.L.A.S. concentration has presented a "quit the town" ultimatum to the commander of the Allied relief units and the small Indian garrison.

Belfast Shooting Affray

Following an exchange of shots in Divis street, Belfast, yesterday morning, a man named Thomas Loughran, Cinnamond street, Belfast, was taken to hospital with a bullet wound in his stomach. It appears that when Loughran and a youth were called on to halt by the police a revolver was drawn and shots fired. The police returned the fire. Loughran fell, but the youth escaped. The police took possession of two revolvers found on the street.

Hunt for Escaped Italians.—Twenty of the 97 Italian prisoners of war who escaped by tunnelling from a camp at Doonfoot, near Ayr, during the week-end were still at liberty last night. All wore the regulation brown uniform when they made their escape, but some, when recaptured, had civilian clothes.—(P.A.)

Port Dispute Affects Coal Supplies

ALL overtime by the cranemen employed by the Dublin Port and Docks Board at the North Wall ceased from six o'clock last evening. This fresh action by the men followed the refusal of the Board to grant extra pay for overtime worked on Sundays and bank holidays.

The Board had no option in the matter, as it was bound by the Standstill Order, which precludes the payment of extra wages to its workers, except by way of bonus. The maximum permissible under this head is eleven shillings per week, and the cranemen already are in receipt of ten shillings per week.

Meanwhile the position is regarded as very serious by shipping chiefs and merchants, especially from the point of view of coal supplies. A shipping broker said: "The action of the cranemen is going to affect Dublin's coal supply by 25 per cent. The unloading of vessels will now stop each evening at five o'clock, and work cannot be resumed until eight o'clock the following morning. During the coming week an increasing number of boats will arrive in Dublin, and their quick discharge, which is essential at this juncture, will be impossible.

"At the moment," he said, "two boats with phosphates are being unloaded by means of the ships' own gear, but this will not be possible in the case of coal vessels and coasters. It is recognised," he added, "that the Government cannot ride roughshod over the Standstill Order, but we are looking to the Government to take suitable action to ensure the expeditious discharge of ships, particularly as the railways will become seriously involved as times goes on."

There are about twenty keymen involved. Their refusal to work the electric cranes on overtime also affects the coal diggers. Most of the cranemen broke away from the Irish Seamen's and Port Workers' Union and joined the Stationary Engine Drivers' Union, and it is this body that is prosecuting the fight.

U.S. Planes Raid Towns in Japan And China

SUPER Fortresses bombed Hankow, a Chinese city on the Yangtse River, and Nagoya, third largest town in Japan, on Sunday and again yesterday, states the U.S. War Department.

More than 100 planes took part in yesterday's attack on Hankow, and all returned. Five Japanese planes were shot down and seven damaged.

Approximately the same number of planes, flying from Saipan, raided Nagoya, and large fires, it is stated, were started at the Mitsubishi aircraft plant. All the planes returned.

Nagoya, on the south-east coast of the main Japanese island, has, says Reuter, a population of 1,066,800, and has more electrical and steel alloy plants than any other Japanese manufacturing centre.

Hankow, the greatest trading port in China after Shanghai, lies 600 miles from the mouth of the Yangtse River.

Yesterday's communiqué from General MacArthur's H.Q. reported, in addition to the establishment of the perimeter on Mindoro, another day and night of extensive air activity over Japanese-held territory, ranging from Luzon and the Visayas to Borneo and the Moluccas. The Valencia Aerodrome, in Southern Ormoc, was taken, and the Americans completed the annihilation of trapped Japanese belonging to the 26th Division, it was stated.

A Japanese News Agency report picked up in New York said that an enemy fleet of considerable strength had been sighted in the Sulu Sea, south of Mindoro.

"The enemy is apparently planning to move into other areas."

A U.S. Navy communiqué reporting the sinking of 33 Japanese ships by American submarines, added: "This new tally brings the total of Japanese ships of all types sunk by submarines since the start of the war to 907, including 94 warships."

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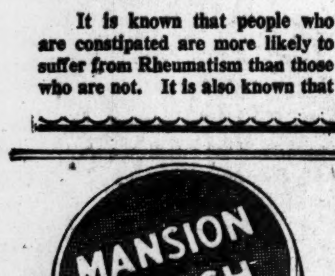

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Dublin Doctor Refutes Inquest Allegations

Because an allegation was made at an inquest in Baggot Street Hospital, Dublin, last week, against Dr. T. F. Broderick, Anneville Park, Dundrum, the Coroner, Dr. J. P. Brennan, adjourned the inquest to enable the doctor to be present.

The allegation was that he had refused to attend to a dying woman.

Yesterday Dr. Broderick attended at the inquest, and the Coroner told him that some people had made the serious allegation at the inquest last week that he had refused to attend a woman who had died.

"None of these people," Dr. Brennan said, "was present or called to your house at the time of the accident. We want you to help us and tell us what happened at your house."

"On Tuesday, December 12th," Dr. Broderick said, "my maid called me to say that I was required at Highfield Park. I was in bed, as I had been suffering from enteritis, and I told her I was not getting up this morning, and to tell any callers to procure another doctor."

CORONER'S VIEW

The Coroner thanked Dr. Broderick for attending, and said:—"Last week there were accusations by people not on oath and statements by people not on oath, which we found out were not true. One person stated in this Court that Dr. Broderick had refused to attend. Another person had interjected: 'She is dead. Let her rest in peace.' As you have heard, Dr. Broderick came here and told you that he had been taken ill, and sent a message to get another doctor. That was quite different from saying that he refused to come."

Dr. Brennan condemned what he termed as "absurd, false, lying statements."

Evidence had been given last week that Miss Annie Kavanagh (55), of Highfield Park, had fallen off a bicycle and fractured her skull. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

120-YEAR-OLD CRAFT IN GRANGEGORMAN

The district called Grangegorman occupied an area of about 900 acres and formerly stretched northwards from the Liffey to the confines of Finglas and Glasnevin, said Mr. T. King Moylan, Vice-president of the Old Dublin Society, when he read a paper on the subject at the Society's meeting last night.

Prior to the Anglo-Norman invasion, he said, a large part of the area belonged to the Cathedral of Christchurch, which received, in later years, further gifts of ground, notably from Sir Hugh Hosey in 1316. Much of the land, from North Brunswick street to the North Circular road, was covered with orchards. Portion of these became known as "The Dean's Orchard" in 1560, and that name still appears in many of the present-day leases. The earliest known name of the district was Cilldulg, spelled in various ways, and the name, Grangegorman, emerged only in 1250.

As early as 1818, hand-loom weaving by the patients of the institution, now known as Grangegorman Mental Hospital, was introduced, and this craft is still carried on.

In 1921 the title of the institution was changed from the Richmond District Lunatic Asylum. It was the first institution of its kind in Ireland to drop the name of "asylum."

Mr. K. Murray, hon. editor of the *Dublin Historical Record*, was in the chair.

Allotments on Hospital Site.—Pending a reply from the Department of Local Government regarding the proposed Cork Regional Hospital, South Cork Board of Assistance has again decided to let the site for allotments.

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Senate Elector "Was Offered £100" For Vote

THE hearing was continued yesterday in the Dublin District Court of the case in which John A. Corr, 25 Castle street, Dalkey, is charged with having in July last offered or promised £100 to Thomas Carbery, Woodstock street, Athy, to induce him to vote in a particular way at the last Senate elections.

Last week Thomas Carbery had given direct evidence, and yesterday he was cross-examined by Mr. P. McGilligan (instructed by Mr. H. Lemass) for the defence. He said that he had been canvassed by four persons for his vote, including Corr and James Derwin. He was not able to swear that it was on July 15th that Corr called on him. On September 7th he had gone to the Guards and told them that there had been a mistake about the date—July 22nd—originally given. He could not swear on what date Derwin called on him.

IDENTIFIED

Carbery said that on September 14th, when he went to Corr's shop with Detective-Sergeant Gaffney, he had not a clear recollection of the date Corr called on him. The moment he saw Corr in the shop he identified him as the man who had offered him the £100 for his vote. In the shop in Dalkey Corr denied having ever seen him (witness) before.

On the Saturday evening that Corr called on him in Athy he got the impression that Corr wanted to get the ballot paper from him and not merely his vote.

He admitted to Mr. McGilligan that on the way to the bus stop with Corr they passed the Guards' barracks, but he did not think of going in and reporting to the Guards that a man outside had offered him this bribe. He was, he said, turning over in his mind how he might be able to trap the man, and, with that object, invited him to stay over the week-end. He thought he would see the Guard Sergeant and get him to go to the hotel, where they might trap the man.

GUARDS CALLED

Asked if he had gone to the Guards, he said he had not; that the Guards had come to him.

As a matter of fact, he told Mr. McGilligan, it was a member of his party, Senator Sweetman, who brought him into this.

In reply to further questions, he said that the other persons who called on him did not place a money value on his vote.

A statement had appeared in the newspapers that he had been offered bribes, but he was not responsible for that statement.

Mr. McGilligan—You say that you were approached four times for your vote—by people who wanted to bribe you. Nobody honestly approached you in the way of fair canvass?—No.

Detective-Sergeant M. Gaffney, Athy, who was cross-examined by Mr. McGilligan, said he had gone to Dalkey with Carbery. His instructions were to take Carbery to a number of shops there, including 25 Castle street, to see if Carbery could identify the man who called on him in Athy. Carbery identified Corr, who, when questioned, said: "I was not in Athy in July or August, 1944. That is all I have to say. I don't know this man."

The further hearing was adjourned till December 28th.

Trout Infection Not New

WRITING about the tapeworm infection of trout in the Liffey reservoir, Mr. Robin Murphy, Balrath House, Balrath, Co. Meath, states that this infection is not new, as he had caught trout with tapeworm infection in the Liffey seven years ago. All birds and mammals which eat the fish raw, he says, can be infected, and carry the adult worm. His letter continues:—

"This *cestode diphyllobothrium latum* is well known and has been for many years studied by parasitologists. It is unique in that it requires three hosts for the completion of its life cycle. The eggs get into water from sewage or flood water, and may be deposited through droppings direct into water. These eggs hatch into a small ciliated embryo, which, in its turn, is devoured by a crustacean (water shrimp or cyclops); the crustacean is devoured by a fish, and the larva penetrates the fish's gut and encysts in the muscle of the fish.

"I do not know if the sportsmen of Co. Dublin and Wicklow like their fish raw, like some Norwegians, but certainly the cats have no objection, and I know of cats that have been infected by this worm. It is impossible to put down this disease by destroying birds, and still more impossible to destroy all fish-eaters. The line to investigate is the control or annihilation of this parasite by attacking it in the intermediate host."

Belfast Cabin Boy Strangled

Gerard Anthony Cole (21), of Riverside avenue, Chorlton cum Hardy, a merchant seaman, who confessed to Manchester police to strangling a cabin boy at Algiers, was at Manchester Assizes yesterday sentenced to ten years' penal servitude for manslaughter. He pleaded not guilty to murdering George Thompson Moore (16), of Greenmount street, Belfast, whose body, trussed with rope, was found last June on Algiers quay after a tanker, in which Cole and Moore shared a cabin, had left.

Cole said in evidence that he complained every day of the trip about Moore's dirty habits, and on the morning of June 21st an argument started, and there were blows. Moore used an offensive expression and struck him on the forehead with a chair.

"When I came to," he said, "I saw the rope round his neck and found he was dead. I was nervous and excited, and I would not say I was in my right mind."

Cross-examined, Cole said that as a Catholic he could not take the Host in a state of sin. "I had lapsed my religious duties for four months, and my religion states that I must confess myself to the law before that sin is forgiven," he added. He denied tying Moore up so that he would not be able to swim to safety.

WARS CAUSED BY SPIRITUAL EVILS

The fear of war had caused the Army to be swollen to such an extent that it now cost eight times as much as in pre-war times; the extra expenditure would have cleared the slums and left five millions over for other ways of promoting the good life, said the Rev. J. B. Kerr, Rector of St. George's Parish, who distributed prizes at Avoca School, Blackrock, yesterday.

Mr. Kerr said that the rotten social systems elsewhere had led to war. If one were to look at the political issues in the country, one would also find the spirit that leads to war. One had only to think of the partition question and the stirring up of hatred on both sides of the border by false propaganda, so that, even in this country at peace, one could see the spiritual evils which were the real causes of war.

He added that the object of education was not that the pupils should adapt themselves to present conditions, but that, by education, a better condition of affairs could be brought about.

A warning that if the Protestant community in Ireland stood aloof from the life of the country, extinction—and, perhaps, deserved extinction—would be its lot, was given by Mr. C. B. Parker, B.A.I., the headmaster, who said that the policy of the school always had been to turn out boys who would be loyal to their own country and tolerant of all other countries. The school results had been most satisfactory. During the past six years scholarships to a value of over £1,000 had been gained by pupils of the school. The number on the roll was now 130, larger than it had ever been before.

A dramatic entertainment was given by pupils of the school.

£1,946 RECOVERED

When Christopher Hehir (24), a native of Limerick, and Desmond Logan (19), a native of County Louth, who had pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy, housebreaking, and the larceny of £2,620, the property of Emil Hirsch, from his premises, Ribbons, Ltd., Suffolk street, Dublin, were put forward at Dublin Circuit Criminal Court yesterday, it was stated that a sum of £1,946 had been recovered.

Judge Shannon said that, in view of Hehir's record, he would be constrained to send him to penal servitude.

"This is a case," he added, "in which the detective officers engaged deserve special commendation."

The prisoners were further remanded until Thursday.

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Egyptian Doctor Sentenced

"There is not the least doubt that you were busy in this detestable traffic," said Mr. Justice Wrottesley at Birmingham Assizes yesterday, when sentencing Dr. Mohammed Farid, a 48 years old medical practitioner, to four years' penal servitude. Farid had been found guilty of the manslaughter of a Malvern woman, and the prosecution alleged that the woman's death followed an illegal operation.

£40 DAMAGES FOR BREACH OF PROMISE

In the Dublin Circuit Civil Court yesterday, Judge Wyse Power awarded Miss Gladys Byrne, Lower Rathmines road, £40 damages, with costs, in an action for breach of promise. The defendant was Michael Scanlon (30), Grove Park, Rathmines, a draper's assistant.

The girl claimed £300 damages. She pleaded that there was a verbal agreement to marry in 1943. The defendant denied any such promise, and he submitted that, if there were such a promise, it was rescinded by mutual consent. The defendant further pleaded that, if there were a promise, it was a condition that the plaintiff should be in a fit condition of health, and should submit to a medical examination.

The evidence centred round a party at the Byrne's house, Brian road, Marino, in February last, during which, it was stated, Michael Byrne handed round drinks and asked the guests to drink to the toast of his sister's forthcoming wedding. Scanlon said that he was not going on with the marriage. He had a certificate to prove his health.

It was further stated in evidence that the girl refused to return the ring, and that she had been in hospital in 1940 for lung trouble.

CIRCUIT CRIMINAL COURT SENTENCES

James Guiney (30), a native of Limerick, who had been found guilty of assaulting a Guard in the execution of his duty, was sent to prison for twelve months, with hard labour, by Judge Shannon in Dublin Circuit Criminal Court yesterday.

Mary Carey (43), East Arran street, found guilty of the larceny of £28 15s., was sent to prison for four months.

Pleading guilty to ten charges of housebreaking, Bernard O'Reilly (17½), Mourne road, Drimnagh, was sentenced to two years' Borstal.

A sentence of four months' imprisonment was imposed on Francis Fitzgerald (25), Brabazon street, The Coombe, for housebreaking and larceny.

On a similar charge, Joseph Rooney (20), Darby square, Werburgh street, was put back for sentence until Thursday.

FOOTBALL ON SUNDAYS

A motion on behalf of the National Greyhound Racing Company, Ltd., relating to the use of their premises at Shelbourne Park by the Shelbourne Football Club on Sundays, was adjourned until next term by Mr. Justice Overend in the High Court, Dublin, yesterday, on an undertaking being given that the club would use the premises on week-days only until the motion is heard.

CONGRATULATIONS

In the Dublin Circuit Criminal Court yesterday, Judge Shannon congratulated Mr. P. F. O'Reilly, solicitor, on his election as President of the Incorporated Law Society. Judge Shannon said that the honour bestowed on Mr. O'Reilly was well merited.

Mr. O'Reilly, who was present, returned thanks.

BROADCASTING

IRISH PROGRAMME

NEWS at 1.40, 6.40, 10.0 (Nuacht), and 10.10 p.m.

1.0—Orchestra. 1.45-2.30—Concert. 6.0—The Second Joyful Mystery: "The Visitation.' Script by Maura Laverty. 7.0—Elizabeth Young in Dramatic Recital. 7.15—Orchestra: Irish Music. 7.45—Gladys MacNevin (soprano) and Joseph Flood (tenor): Duets. 8.5—Grieg: Sonata for 'cello and piano. 8.30—"Living Irish Poets," No. 8. 9.0—Cecily Kenny (mezzo-soprano). 9.15—"By Accident." Script by Norris Davidson. 9.50—"Irish Music and Musicians." 10.30—"Café Continental."

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Purchase of Irish Horses for Spain

THE Supreme Court, Dublin, yesterday, dismissed the appeal of Colonel de las Morenas, Upper Pembroke street, Dublin, taken from a judgment of the High Court, which refused to set aside proceedings brought against him by Saorstat and Continental Steamship Co., Ltd., for £2,600 damages for the loss of freight on 52 horses from Dublin to Lisbon.

Saorstat and Continental Steamship Co., Ltd., stated that by a contract between them and Colonel de las Morenas they reserved space for the horses on the s.s. Assaroe on March 24th last, and that Colonel de las Morenas failed to deliver them.

Colonel de las Morenas stated in an affidavit that he was head of the Spanish Military Commission in Ireland for the purchase of horses for the Spanish Army. The horses were available for shipment on March 24th, but the ship sailed without them because a navicert had not been issued in time. He asked to have the proceedings set aside on the ground that they were outside the jurisdiction of the Court, as they impleaded the Government of Spain, a sovereign State.

The trial judge directed that the damages should be assessed.

The Supreme Court set aside the judgment and gave Colonel de las Morenas liberty to defend the action. They allowed the company the costs of the High Court and the costs of the appeal.

STATES EXEMPT

Mr. Justice O'Byrne, with whose judgment the other judges—Mr. Justice Murnaghan, Mr. Justice Geoghegan and Mr. Justice Black—agreed, said that the immunity of sovereign States and their rulers from the jurisdiction of the Courts of other States had long been recognised as a principle of international law, and must now be accepted as part of the municipal law here by reason of Article 29 (3) of the Constitution, which provides that Ireland accepts the generally recognised principles of international law as its rules of conduct in its relations with other States.

It was clear that in these proceedings, as framed, no relief was sought against any person save the appellant; he was sued in his personal capacity, and the judgment which had been, or any judgment which might hereafter be obtained against him would bind merely him personally, and any such judgment could not be enforced against any property save his.

In his opinion, there was no ground for the suggestion that the Government of Spain was being impleaded either directly or indirectly, and no basis for the claim that the proceedings should be set aside. For those reasons he was of opinion that this appeal, in so far as it was concerned with the refusal of the High Court to set aside the proceedings, failed, and should be dismissed. That, however, did not conclude the matter, as it might well be that the appellant had a good defence to the proceedings as framed, and it was obvious that until the motion to have the proceedings set aside had been disposed of he could not very well have had a defence. For that reason he was of opinion that the judgment entered for the company should be set aside, and that the appellant should be given an opportunity to defend the action.

Mr. J. A. Costello, S.C.; Mr. Cecil Lavery, S.C., and Mr. Liam Cosgrave (instructed by Messrs. Michael Larkin and Co.) appeared for Col. de las Morenas, and Mr. Vaughan Wilson, S.C., and Mr. E. C. Micks (instructed by Messrs. Maxwell, Weldon and Co.) for the company.

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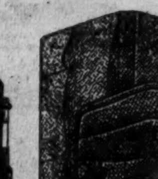

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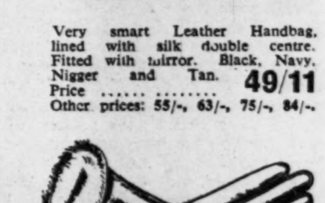

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Dated this 18th day of December, 1944.
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Evening	2.50	3.40

DEATH

SANDS—December 18, 1944, at her residence, The Strand, Irey, Ballyfin, Mountrath, Elizabeth A., dearly-beloved wife of the late Robert Sands. "Peace, perfect peace." Funeral to Ballyfin Church to-morrow (Wednesday) at 3 o'clock (S.T.).

The Irish Times

TUESDAY, DEC. 19, 1944.

HITTING BACK

Christmas week has opened with a new and dramatic turn of events on the Western front. On Saturday it was reported that the Germans had launched local counter-attacks against the American 1st Army under General Hodges, which is fighting on the right of the British Army, just across the Belgian and Luxembourg frontiers. Yesterday's bulletins, however, made it clear that Marshal von Rundstedt has started a general offensive on a big scale. His attack was preceded by a short but exceedingly violent artillery barrage. Evidently during the last few months the German High Command has been able to bring up formidable reinforcements of big-calibre guns to this part of the front, which has been exceptionally quiet. It also has managed to concentrate a strong force of tanks and armoured vehicles; and it seems that the Americans have been taken more or less by surprise. Allied reports admit fairly deep penetration into their front in the Eupen-Malmédy area, which, it will be remembered, was ceded by Germany to Belgium after the last war. German troops have been dropped by parachute behind the American lines; and all the available evidence indicates that, far from being a mere manœuvre to save time, Marshal Rundstedt's latest attack has been prepared with considerable skill and care, and is intended as a major offensive against the Anglo-American Allies. One of the most remarkable features of the campaign in the West during the last six months has been the virtual disappearance from the skies of the *Luftwaffe*. Evidently, the Germans, recognising the fact that the British and American Air Forces had an almost overwhelming superiority in numbers, decided to conserve their limited resources. For some time previously they had almost ceased to turn out bombers, concentrating their energies upon the production of V-1 bombs and V-2 rockets; but now there is reason to suppose that they have been producing a fairly substantial number of fighter, and fighter-bomber, aircraft. For the first time since the invasion of France, American reports speak of German "aggressiveness" in the air. Marshal von Rundstedt's advancing troops have been given reasonably adequate air cover; and, although the Americans claim to have shot down a large number of German machines at a comparatively small cost to themselves, there is little doubt that the *Luftwaffe* once again is proving to be an attacking force that cannot be wholly ignored. Furthermore, at the Southern end of the long line, where the French have been attacking, in the Alsatian plain, the Germans have gone over to the offensive. A certain amount of ground has been lost by the French troops, who are operating on the extreme right wing of General Patch's Americans. Right along the front, which stretches for some seven hundred miles, the weather is such as normally to discourage offensive movements of any kind; but this war has taught that even the climate can be overcome by the modern military machine.

After five years of a world struggle, it is only natural that the peoples of every nation should be suffering from a certain degree of war weariness. This condition induces a state of mind in which wishful thinking plays an important, if not, indeed, a predominant, part. Ever since the British and Americans brought off their brilliant landings on the coast of Normandy, there has been a widespread feeling in the neutral as well as the belligerent countries that the war was approaching its final stage. Of recent weeks, however, reality has been beginning to assert itself again. A party of visiting Americans, who have been touring the front in Italy, announced yesterday that preconceived ideas as to the possible date on which the war will end must be revised; and only a few weeks ago Mr. Winston Churchill struck a note of caution in his speech in the British House of Commons. The pace of the Anglo-American offensive across Northern France was so terrific that the general public might be excused for the assumption that the war was nearly over; but it is now fairly clear that the German retreat was a skilfully executed move, calculated to husband Germany's resources against the defence of her own frontiers. Last week, both Herr Himmler and Dr. Goebbels assured the German people that the war still would be won by the *Reich*. The total mobilisation, which was brought into force two months back, undoubtedly has yielded impressive results. Nobody knows for certain how many men remain at the *Wehrmacht's* disposal. In his speech about Poland a few days ago Mr. Churchill asserted that the Germans already had lost about six million men. They must have enormous armies in East Prussia, in Poland, in the Southern Ukraine, and in Hungary; while the stubborn opposition that is being met by the Allies in Italy suggests that Marshal von Kesselring is suffering from no lack of man-power. More than two months ago, the American magazine, *Time*, stated with some show of authority that the German force in the West comprised at least forty full divisions, or approximately 600,000 men, adding that the British and Americans probably had between three and five times that number of troops at their command. The latest German estimate credits the Allies with only about forty divisions, but announces that by next spring this number probably will be increased to 100. Whatever may be the comparative strengths of the opposing armies in the West, it is quite certain that the German army, although it has suffered heavy and continuous reverses since the American break-through at Avranches, and has been sorely depleted by its losses in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Italy, is still in a position to mount a considerable offensive against the Americans. It is too soon yet to gauge the probabilities, or even the possibilities, of this latest move. Comparison with Ludendorff's great attack in March, 1918, is inevitable; but it is equally unsafe.

THE Countess of Limerick is in London at present.

Lord Monteagle has arrived in Dublin from Co. Kerry.

Mrs. Pery-Knox-Gore has arrived in Dublin from Ballina, Co. Mayo.

Dr. Harold Quinlan has left 43 Fitzwilliam place until the first week in January.

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The Ward Hunt Ball will be held at the Gresham Hotel, Friday, 29th December.

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Cruiskeen Lawn

By Myles na gCopaleen

THE mysterious "White Paper" on education which I had under consideration yesterday when sitting in the Courthouse, Navan, as Irish Country Manager and County Commissar for Internal Affairs (please see yesterday's issue of to-day's paper) appears again on to-day's agenda owing to remarks (unauthorised by me) made at a meeting of the Rutland High School the other day.

"Surely," a speaker said, "we cannot afford to have our children less well equipped for life than the children in Northern Ireland?"

I'm a bit doubtful about all that, it's very obscure. First you have the suggestion that "life" is something (something pretty dangerous, too) that begins after a human being leaves school. Those of us who were, at the age of ten, invited to engage in the customary lunch-hour game of solo at any of the well-known Irish educational establishments will be taken aback a bit by that suggestion. (My own pet memory concerns an infant of five with whom I sat to cards; despite the fact that his innocent and formative mind was being distorted by compulsory Irish, he made out on a phantastic 'spread mis,' depriving me of a shilling which I had thieved, at considerable risk, from the clothes of an uncle while he slept.) Nor can I quite see how you can equip a child for life. Nearly all the equipment is lost a few years after leaving school, so that of its nature it's a very temporary equipment. Incidentally, the speaker quoted did not specify the nature of the equipment. Surely we're not talking about drums?

On the general question of education, I am, as I explained yesterday, averse to its introduction in Ireland, north or south. It is not a natural thing at all. It makes existence for all intolerably complicated and introduces baneful competitive elements into a process originally intended to be one of simple survival in a uniform community occupied solely with the pursuit of uncomplicated agricultures. Education (so-called) creates and maintains class and castes, foments the internecine dialectic that flowers ultimately in the widely-held belief that Heaven is a poor thing compared with the post of Assistant Principal Clerk (Acting) (Established) Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

Besides, look at it this way. 'Social security' is on the way. Suppose everybody is compelled to attend school (I digress from the question of education for the moment) until he or she is eighteen or twenty one. Thereafter they become 'insured persons,' are guaranteed employment by the State and do, in fact, be occupied with some task or other for a brief period until it is time for them to take up residence in the neighbouring hospital, sanatorium, 'clinic' or rest-home. Pray where is the necessity for compelling a boy who is preparing to participate in that civilisation to produce an analytical catalogue of Irish bird-cauls for his M.A. pthysis—sorry, thesis? He will not, forsooth, be able to 'compete' with other boys in say England, or even in this 'Northern Ireland'! If all the civilised States are to guarantee 'full employment' and free cots for all, where is the necessity for this 'competition' that people worry so much about? If nearly everybody is going to be sick in the future (and how could it be otherwise if they are all to be insured), is it absolutely necessary to know about the calculus, Pliny, the standing of Belfast as a nation of ship-keepers? If, I mean, the International Anthem is to be in . . . in . . . tonic sulfa (stet), who will need to read anything except thermometers?

Incidentally, it was mentioned that "during the year there had been a slight increase in the number of pupils." I wonder what "slight" means there? Something similar once happened myself, woke up one morning and found the increase was 50%. Happily, I knew a good ophthalmologist, had the thing out immediately, *and* was up and about *the following day!* Talk about seeing things!

TOWARDS TO-MORROW

HOUSING

By Alastair McCabe, Associate of the Building Societies' Institute

IN every civilised country to-day, belligerent and non-belligerent alike, the problem of post-war housing is agitating the public mind. Shortage of building materials, the absorption of labour in war industries, concentration of effort on food production have all contributed to make building during the war practically impossible. Although Eire has been lucky enough to escape the destruction of war, it is well to realise in time that we, too, have a housing problem that must make big demands on our energy and national resources when the opportunity comes to tackle it—as tackle it we must, if we are to keep abreast of the times.

The question of housing covers such a wide field that it would be impossible to do more than touch on the general aspects of the problem in the limited space available.

Broadly speaking, it resolves itself into considering ways and means of housing (a) our slum population and (b) people who are in a position to buy or rent their homes.

The first - mentioned, being primarily a concern of the Government and the local authorities, must be treated from the outset mainly as a social problem. From this point of view, the question of location rather than the financing of the various settlements is of prime importance. There are two well-defined schools of thought on the subject—one insistent on bringing the slum dweller out of his city habitat and settling him in suburban areas, and the other strong, if not to the point of insistence, on the flat idea. There is certainly much to be said on both sides, and our city authorities have, as a result, wisely decided on a compromise.

New Slums for Old

In social reform circles there appears to be a general tendency to favour the suburban settlement, and this raises a question to which students of the problem have so far given little thought. Does the transfer of a community from one area to another, such as that effected by the Corporation in a number of instances in recent years, tend to raise in any way the moral, social or cultural standards of the people concerned? A close study of conditions in the new settlements does not, I fear, lead one to give an affirmative answer. There is, of course, the element of locational environment in its favour, which possibly raises the physical standard; but no migration of a community, as such, will change the nature of that community. Moral and cultural standards can be influenced for the better only by contact with higher social strata, and in the new slums there is—if any—less opportunity for these contacts than in the old city tenements. Given decent living accommodation, open spaces and normal amenities, I should say the city flat scheme has advantages over the suburban settlement. This, of course, always on the assumption that there is room for such development. The saving effected on transport and food, and the opportunity it affords of easy contact with the home at all times, is a set-off that should not be lost sight of when assessing, from a physical standpoint, the relative merits of the two solutions.

Example from Holland

It seems as if social reformers will have to recast their ideas on this subject of slum clearance. It is, in fact, worth while considering the possibility of classifying this section of our population with a view to giving the more deserving an opportunity of improving their social and cultural status.

In Holland, for instance, provision is made for such segregations in the shape of probationary settlements. Here we might make a beginning with young married couples who, detached from the slum atmosphere, might—given the proper environment—become, with their families, independent and self-respecting citizens.

The financing of slum housing raises many issues outside the domain of this article; so it must be left to authorities on national and municipal finance to deal with.

The Home-owner

In most civilised communities to-day the principle of home ownership is fostered and encouraged for the reason that it develops those traits of character, such as independence and self-reliance, which go to make good citizens. In these islands private enterprise has played, and continues to play, the major part in the building and purchasing of these houses. Those that are not paid for in ready cash are purchased generally on the instalment principle over a term of years. In Great Britain the great majority of purchases are effected on this latter principle, and the financing is done mostly by building societies. British building societies, it may be mentioned, financed the construction of half the number of houses built between the two Great Wars. This contribution towards a great social service relieved the State and the local authorities of an enormous expenditure which would otherwise have to be met out of the public purse.

Here in Ireland, were our long-term mortgage institutions organised on a proportionate scale, public authorities would be in a position to give their undivided attention to a solution of the slum problem.

How might this aim be achieved? One, and possibly the only way, would be a State or Municipal guarantee for say 10 per cent. of the loan. This would enable the societies to lend up to 90 per cent. of the value of the house.

In this way a house would be within the reach of the average citizen. Experience goes to prove that such a guarantee would entail little, if any, cost to the public authorities.

Building Methods

A spirited controversy now rages around the question of building. House casualties in Britain during the war have reached such proportions that the authorities found it necessary to make provision for the erection of what have come to be known as pre-fabricated houses to cope with the urgent demand for accommodation in the immediate post-war period. Britain will certainly need to take extraordinary measures to meet the crisis that must then present itself, seeing that some millions of houses have been destroyed by bombing, apart altogether from the six years lag in building necessitated by war conditions. Among such emergency measures must be temporary housing in some form. The pre-fabricated house in these circumstances appears to be the only way out. Advocates of the pre-fabricated house idea appear to think that this is the solution of the chronic housing problem.

We, in common with all civilised communities, have been wrestling with such ideas for decades. We have quite a number of people in this country who, in the excess of their zeal for innovation and—perhaps I should say—imitation, seem to forget that circumstances alter cases. We have no millions urgently looking for shelter, and we have no plant for mass production. Even if we had the plant, it would not pay us to use it in the limited market provided by a little country like this. Furthermore, it is very questionable whether such a house would stand up for any length of time to our Irish weather. Apart altogether from these considerations, there is the question of our skilled and semi-skilled operatives. Are we going to turn these into factory hands and put them on factory wages, with our architects and civil engineers as gaffers? With booby-proof blue prints rolling off "Kaiser" automatic "drafters," it does not look as if we should have any further need of the professions as such, were our pre-fabricationists to have their way.

Equipment

All this does not mean that the principle of pre-fabrication is not a desideratum as far as house *equipment* is concerned. Our innovators seem to forget that a considerable fraction of the pre-war house was pre-fabricated. Sir George Burt, Chairman of the Building Research Board, in a recent article in *The Times*, debunked a lot of the uninformed talk on pre-fabrication. He pointed out, amongst other things, that

from 30 to 40 per cent. of the pre-war house was already pre-fabricated and that little was to be expected from attempts to fabricate the shell of the house as apart from the fittings. He also reminds us that land, roads, sewers and foundations accounted for some 25 per cent. of the cost, while labour, including architects' fees and contract profits, amounted to no more than 30 or 40 per cent. These are informative figures, and the moral they convey is that there is decided room for improvement in regard to pre-fabrication of equipment.

There can be cheaper and more standardised production of such things as bathroom, sewerage, and heating units, and probably "mass" handling of sites and roads. Such would cheapen and expedite not alone building generally, but the reconditioning of those handcraft houses whose shells have stood the test of time, and only require modern equipment to make them more comfortable and enduring than any house we can build to-day.

APPLES FOR CHRISTMAS

Few shoppers ask for a particular variety of cooking apples, but at this time of year they would find it difficult to obtain any other than a Bramley Seedling. Supplies of the earlier varieties are now almost exhausted, and growers start marketing Bramley Seedlings in November. This variety keeps for a longer period than others, and supplies of it are, therefore, held until the other kinds have been used up.

A member of the trade told the *Irish Times* that the Bramley Seedling, which was the best type of cooking apple, was produced in great quantities by commercial growers in this country. There had been a very heavy crop this year, so there would be plenty for Christmas.

The best dessert apples, and the most widely-known among connoisseurs, are Cox's Orange Pippins. These, however, are not so plentiful, as commercial growers do not grow dessert apples on so large a scale as cookers.

CAROL SERVICE

A Service of nine carols and Lessons will be held in the Magdalen Church, Lower Leeson street, Dublin, this evening at 7.30. The carols will include "The Babe in the Manger," "O, Little Town of Bethlehem" and "Our Master Hath a Garden." Miss Rochfort Wade will be the organist. The collection will be on behalf of the Magdalen Home.

CHURCH SERVICES

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.—10, Matins. 4, Evensong.
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.—10.45, Matins. 3, Evensong.
CHRIST CHURCH, Taney.—10, M.P.
ST. ANN'S, Dawson Street.—10, Matins. 8, Advent Service.
ST. STEPHEN'S, Upper Mount Street.—10, Matins. 5.30, Evensong.
CHRIST CHURCH, Leeson Park.—9.45, M.P.

BOTANIC GARDENS SUPPLY PROBLEM

MAINTAINING the valuable collection of orchids in the Botanic Gardens, Dublin, is becoming increasingly difficult as the emergency continues. Materials such as Osmunda fibre are now unobtainable, and this has led to a deterioration in the condition of the plants.

During the year ended March last 250,908 people visited the Gardens—16,350 fewer than in the previous year. Requests from schools and colleges for specimens for use in botany classes increased, over 18,000 specimens having been collected by the garden staff. Two hundred and thirty replies to requests for information regarding the identity of specimens and the care of species were sent.

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LESS FRUIT

Due to the abnormally cold weather in May, 1943, the fruit crop was only about one-third of the normal yield. The war prevented the addition of any considerable number of new foreign varieties of plants to the gardens, but the work of propagating seed from existing stocks continued as usual. About 1,000 packets of seeds were distributed to 20 other gardens, and 567 packets were received in exchange. Only a few foreign seed lists were obtained, while several lists sent from the Gardens addressed to other countries were returned.

The year, as recorded by the instrument in the Gardens, was a dry one, the total rainfall being 25.7 inches, or 5 inches below normal. May, with 4.1 inches of rain, was the wettest month of the year, while March was the driest.

Christmas Posting.—To-day is the last day for posting letters or parcels for Christmas delivery in Northern Ireland. Letters and parcels for Christmas delivery in other parts of Ireland should be posted not later than to-morrow.

AN IRISHMAN'S DIARY

Dog at Work

THE inevitable casual dog did its routine fooling at yesterday's presentation in Collins Barracks of the Battery Trophy to the winners of the Army Competition.

The animal, a brown and white comedian of a vaguely terrier aspect, first appeared leading the band in the march-past before the Minister for Defence. It galloped along, a little out of time to the music, but none the less in an agreeable frame of mind.

It next appeared in the square, where the 11th Field Battery—the winners—lined up to receive their reward. Here, it made a complete circuit of the troops, and then disappeared. Shortly afterwards it reappeared again through the archway, leading in the Minister for Defence.

After the presentation I suggested to the battery commander, Captain Cyril Mattimoe, that the dog might be the battery mascot. Without being certain, he was ready to agree to this. At one time the battery travelled about with a retinue of eleven dogs, including puppies.

During the summer they brought an elkhound, which had strayed into Collins Barracks, up to the Glen of Imaal for weapon practice. The elkhound vanished. They returned to barracks without it. Three days afterwards the elkhound walked in, after travelling twenty-six miles from the mountains. She almost immediately proceeded to have a large family.

Doubling Day

The 11th Field Battery won this shield for the second year in succession. The course is so comprehensive that the men involved come within an ace of gaining marks for the state of their subconscious mind. They are marked for their efficiency with small arms, for their foot-drill, for battle practice, for the handling of heavy field guns. Captain Mattimoe said: "You can lose marks for being a button short on your shirt."

Captain Mattimoe, a young man who comes from Roscommon, and exhibits the extreme modesty of all men of action, believes that his battery was successful because he made their existence just barely tolerable about three years ago.

He made every Thursday "Doubling Day." That meant that the men ran out of bed, ran over to breakfast, ran around the square, ran upstairs, ran down again, and after some more running around, ran back to bed. One of the men was heard to say: "We're not ——— soldiers; we're ——— greyhounds." The battery has been known as "The Greyhounds" ever since.

Snob

Afterwards, I had a further conversation on the subject of Army dogs with Captain Nial Moynihan. Captain Moynihan and I were two of the lion-hearted pioneers who went down to Allenwood Bog last summer with the DETS, the first travelling Army variety show. I still recall with pleasure the oboe-like sound of Captain Moynihan's singing in the gas-producer bus that eventually got us back to the city at four o'clock in the morning.

Captain Moynihan said that there was a particularly admirable dog at Gormanston Camp this year. The animal went right through every available course, even subjecting himself to machine-gun fire during the battle practice. With the field work done, he attended the lectures, dozing quietly until the theoretical stuff, in which he scarcely could be expected to take an interest was done.

"There was a queer thing about that dog," said Captain Moynihan, "he would have nothing to do with the N.C.O.'s lectures, even for sleeping in. It was officers, or nothing, for him."

Elaborate Frivolity

Justification for a defence of draughts in opposition to the game of chess!

Edgar Allen Poë offers the following opinions in his famous story, "The Murders in the Rue Morgue":—

"The game of chess, in its effects upon mental character, is greatly misunderstood. . . . The higher powers of the reflective intellect are more decidedly, and more usefully, tested by the unostentatious game of draughts than by all the elaborate frivolity of chess. In this latter, where the pieces have different and bizarre motions, with various and variable values, what is only complex is mistaken (a not unusual error) for what is profound. . . . In nine cases out of ten it is the more concentrative, rather than the more acute, player who conquers. In draughts, on the contrary, where the moves are unique, and have but little variation, the probabilities of inadvertence are diminished, and the mere attention being left comparatively unemployed, what advantages are obtained by either party are obtained by superior acumen."

Good, solid stuff — words removed, virtually by force, from my own mouth.

Christmas Puzzle

Here is Mrs.—it turned out to be M. Helen O'Neill's Christmas puzzle. It will be remembered that Mrs. O'Neill provided the answer to the 123456789 problem.

In the year of Flavia's marriage, which was a date in B.C., the number of which was the square of Sullia's age when Flavia was born, Flavia's age, when squared, gave the year of Sullia's birth. To Flavia's wedding Sullia, whose age was 37, brought her youngest son, whose age, multiplied by the age of Flavia's mother, gave the year of Flavia's birth. How old was Flavia's mother when Flavia was married?

Bird on the Wing

Why it has to be in B.C., and why the girls aren't called Tess and Mona, I cannot say. But there is the puzzle.

The prize, in the meantime, has become enormously augmented. I have won Turkey No. 14 in the *Irish Times* staff club's Christmas draw, a magnificent bird, called Augustus Cæsar. Augustus Cæsar will be presented to the solver of this problem about Flavia and Sullia. If nobody solves it he goes to Mrs. O'Neill.

The answers will have to be in by Thursday, 4 p.m., so that A. Cæsar can be cooked in time for the festival. This makes it difficult for people living outside this beautiful city; but I am determined that A. Cæsar and myself will part company before Christmas Eve. I once started Christmas Eve with a turkey. It got run over about 10.45 by a taxi.

QUIDNUNC.

LONDON LETTER

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
MONDAY NIGHT.

MENTIONING the remarkable success of the Battle of Agincourt scenes in "Henry V" to-day to Mr. Michael Powell, who, with Mr. Emeric Pressburger, is directing the Archers Film Unit, I asked him what he thought of the future of film production in Ireland. "There is always a future in any country for a native film production if the film-makers are content to use native themes and show the rest of the world their own customs and point of view," he said. "Of course, the first pictures of this kind have to be made on a very modest budget, and a modest capital has to be found. There are two stories laid in Ireland and written by Irishmen that I would like to make later on. Meanwhile, it is my sincere wish that Eire should start its own film-producing centre, however small, so long as it is native."

Post Horses

The 12s. units of MacNamara and Co., the London transport firm, which were 41s. 3d. on Friday, slumped to 30s. 7½d., following the announcement that the offer of Transport Service to buy the Ord. stock would be at the rate of 30s. 6d. a share.

The man behind the offer is Mr. Harold C. Drayton, Vice-Chairman of the £3,000,000 British Electric Traction Co., Chairman of Transport Services, and a director of railways in the Argentine.

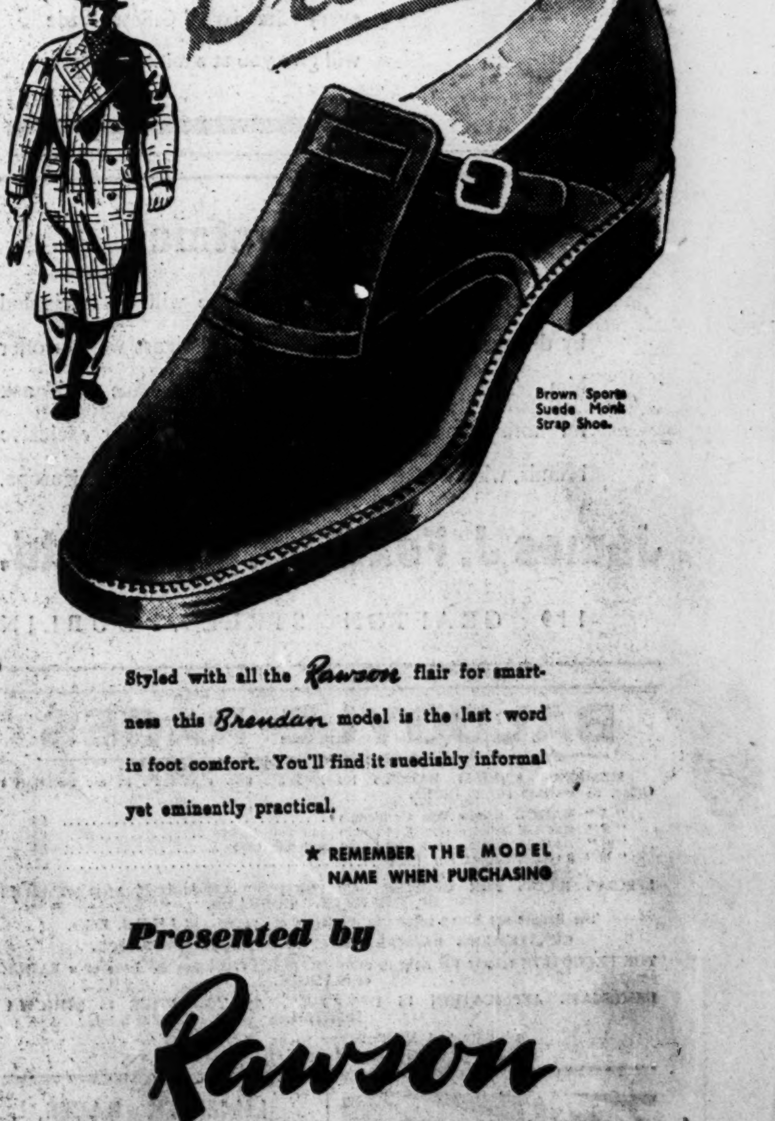
The shares of MacNamara's, who do a profitable business in Royal Mail and Transport Contractors, averaged 15s. 9d. over the past seven years. They stood at 27s. a month ago, before it was revealed that negotiations for a merger were under way. MacNamara's use both horse and motor transport. They prefer Irish horses, and have a few hundred drawing mail vans in the London area. Experience has shown that the horse beats the petrol engine for economy in this work.

New Publisher

Miss Dorothy Crisp, journalist and author, whose articles from Dublin and Belfast in a Sunday paper here last year led to many protests, has started a publishing firm. She has herself written its first book, "Why We Lost Singapore," a chronicle of the political and diplomatic moves that led up to the loss of the Far Eastern fortress.

It details the responsibility of the authorities in Malaya, and the part played by various British personages, and is described as a shocking indictment. Miss Crisp was defeated by a large margin in the by-election at Acton, an industrial district, by Mr. Henry Longhurst, who is a director of the Killarney Golf Club, started by his old friend, the late Lord Castlerosse. She lives in Berkeley square, Mayfair, and during the campaign Mr. Longhurst described her as "the Berkeley square nightingale who wishes to sing in Acton."

Gaelic Drama.—Beginning on St. Stephen's Night, the Irish Theatre Guild will present a miscellaneous Gaelic programme, including a sketch, "An Sgran," by Myles na gCopaleen, in the Peacock Theatre, Dublin.



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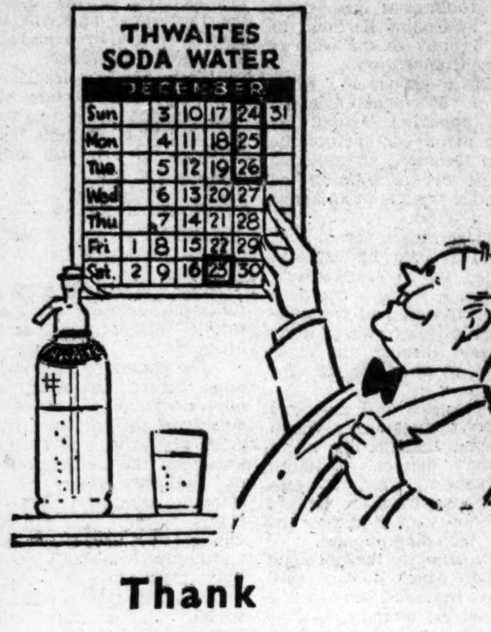

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CLOSING OF MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE. THE GREENPARK STEEPLECHASE of 250 sovs., for horses that have not won a steeplechase, closes on TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), DECEMBER 20th, with Mr. F. H. Clarke, 9 Hume street, Dublin, C.2. Telegraphic address: "Turfclub, Dublin."

BUSY TIME AHEAD IN IRISH RACING

A REFERENCE in this column last Tuesday to the big number of entries received for Baldoyle (January 1st) and Naas (January 6th) being an early indication of the success the 1945 season is likely to be, was an easy guess, for now follows the news that the Rank Cup, a hurdle race for horses that were maidens on December 13th, to be run at Phœnix Park on March 31st and open to horses trained in both areas, has received 97 entries at the first entry—12 more than the combined entries for the corresponding event last April. The entries were: First entry, 79; second entry, 6.

Furthermore, the "Mickey Macardle" Memorial Cup, a 'chase for horses that have not won a 'chase on or before December 13th and open to both areas, to be run at Dundalk on May 17th, has received 69 entries at first entry compared with 60 at the same stage last December; while the Dundalk Hurdle race at the June meeting has received 68 entries at first entry—eleven more than the combined entries (51 and 6) for the corresponding event last June.

This is, indeed, a very happy state of affairs for the executives concerned, and racing in general.

The values of the events mentioned have been increased—the Rank Cup (£400) by £200; the "Mickey Macardle Cup" (£400) by £100; and the Dundalk Hurdle (£300) by £100.

LARGER NUMBER BOARDS

Increased entries mean bigger fields, and the suggestion is made that many provincial race executives should be seriously concerned about their number boards, which at some racecourses are totally inadequate to cater for a large field, not to speak of inefficiency of operation. There is also that other source of irritation to the racegoer—too many "chalk riders," which on a wet day means blank name plates.

It is inevitable, of course, that at times there should be some resort to the chalk for riders' names, but with a little better understanding of the requirements of their patrons, race executives could reduce the number considerably.

It is not an uncommon sight to see the names of jockeys, who have been riding for a couple of seasons at least, appear in chalk on the same number-board time and again.

SOME LIKELY RUNNERS

In spite of the unfavourable conditions which have prevailed at the principal training centres for some time past, runners at Leopardstown and Limerick on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week look like being more numerous than might have been anticipated.

Leopardstown probables include Prince Regent, Knight's Crest and Happy Home, and the appearance of these horses will be an attraction in itself. Happy Home (trained by Mr. Maxwell Arnott), who holds two engagements, is a certain starter at the meeting. Mr. Arnott's other runners will include Doremi, Knight Paladin and Somerled.

Mr. Tom Dreaper hopes to saddle no fewer than nine, and they are:—Prince Regent, Mayerling, Red Branch, Keep Faith, Clonbur, Perilous Record, Little Wager, Bother and Montcalm.

Mr. Maxwell Arnott, who will saddle some fancied runners at Leopardstown next week.

Knight's Crest will be ridden by Martin Molony. D. L. Moore's mounts will include Happy Home and Doremi, and Tim Hyde, of course, will be on Prince Regent, which will be his principal mount.

The Castleknock trainer, Mr. M. A. Byrne, is sending Rholendor, Skander, Carlist, Bensfort, Tolbiyeh, and, possibly, Burnthurst. It is expected that M. Gordon will take the mounts on Carlist, Tolbiyeh and Burnthurst. The trainer rides Skander and Rholendor.

Declarations for Leopardstown and Limerick meetings must be made at the Registry Office by 12 noon on Saturday next. Owing to the customary postal delay at Christmas time, owners and trainers should declare their runners as early as possible. To facilitate matters Declarations will be accepted at the Registry Office by telegraph or telephone.

Owners and trainers are also reminded that entries for the following races close with Mr. F. Harold Clarke, 9 Hume street, to-morrow:—

Greenpark 'Chase, £250 (Limerick, March 17th).

Baldoyle 'Chase, £1,000 (Baldoyle, February 10th).

Fulform (December), all Newsagents. —(Advt.)

GOLF CARDS AND NOTICES

Castle.—Ladies — Christmas Foursomes—Mrs. White and Miss Murray beat Mrs. Lyne and Mrs. Breen, 3 and 2. Christmas Competition—Class I—Mrs. Carroll, 113. Class II—Mrs. O'Donovan, 107. Class III—Mrs. Shaw, 129½.

Clontarf.—Turkey Competition (last). Winners—R. Grogan and B. O'Dwyer, H. E. Murphy and J. Cauldwell (jun.), J. Sheridan and J. Dempsey, T. P. O'Reilly and J. Hehir, E. M. O'Connell and B. O'Dwyer, D. Kilmurray and J. Mullen, K. Hand and D. Dargan, E. Barry and T. McRedmond, R. Rice and V. Dallas, G. Cooney and P. J. Gallagher.

Elm Park.—"Harriers" Final, 12 holes (s.)—the Rev. M. Dufficy (14), 43 2-3; W. Graham (16), 44 1-3.

Friday G.S. (at Hermitage)—M. A. Dawson's prize, 9 h., Stableford—J. J. Ryan, 24 pts. Friday next—Turkey drive, 9 h. (s.).

Grange.—Owing to the death of Mr. G. A. Watson, an hon. member, the club will be closed to-day until 1 o'c.

Hermitage.—Ladies—To-day, 9 holes (s.). Turkey Competition—Miss Fitzgerald. No competition on St. Stephen's Day.

Island.—Semi-open mixed foursome—A. D. and Mrs. Pringle, 3 up.

Kilcroney.—Turkey winners — Men's Section—J. W. Lane, 1; L. J. Smyth and D. Shaw, 2; P. P. Kennedy, 4. Ladies—Mrs. Graves, 1; Mrs. Butler, 2; Mrs. Heatley.

Killarney.—Sunday next—Mixed foursome, Stableford. Monday next — Men's fourball foursome (b.). Tuesday next—Arbutus Cup, 18 holes (men).

Woodbrook.—To-day—Course closed.

CLONTARF GOLF CLUB

Turkey Competitions—Winners may collect turkeys on Wed., 20th, after 7 p.m.

Hamper and Wine Draws also at Club House, Wed., 8.30 p.m. —(Advt.)

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS

To-day—Ward Union, Culmullen, 1.30; South Mayo, Clogher X, 12.0; Wexford, Galbally, 12.0; Ormond, 14 Ways, 12.0; Ballymacad, Crossakeel, 12.0; Waterford, Kilmacthomas, 11.30; Scarteen, Ballinamona, 12.0; Fingal, Kilsallaghan, 1.0; Newry, Frankfort, 12.30; South Union, Raffeen, 11.30; Kildare, Calverstown Village, 11.30; Longford, Abbeyaerig, 1.0; Nenagh, Ballymackey, 12.0; Carlow, Killenure, 11.30; United Hunt, Carrigshavar, 11.30; Ormond, Loughton Gate, 12.0.

Change of Meet—East Galway, Clonfert, Friday, December 22nd, instead of Wednesday, December 20th.

South Co. Dublin Harriers—Meet arranged for Templeogue to-morrow has been cancelled.

Horses in Training

THE MADDENSTOWN STABLES

By Our Curragh Correspondent

FOR over half a century, Maddenstown Lodge Stable has been one to conjure with in Turf history, and the part which Mr. J. J. Parkinson has played in the breeding, racing and training of the thoroughbred has been a very big one. It is good to see that, after such a large slice of a lifetime, this great sportsman continues in the heart of things, and he has again a strong string of horses in training for another season. The sires at the First Flier Stud, Montrose and Rosolio II, are well represented, and so is Embargo, who died at the famous Pollardstown establishment just recently.

Dover Straits, that very useful four-year-old, who was trained for his races by Mr. Parkinson's son, Emanuel, and was sold for a considerable sum to Mr. C. Rogers, is by Rosolio II, and so, too, is War Again, a winning two-year-old of much promise.

Pongo, by Embargo, was another distinguished hurdler stabled at Maddenstown, and he won four high-class events, including the Phœnix Hurdle of £500. Pongo and Ensor, who are both the property of Mr. Joseph McGrath, remain in training. Ensor ran prominently in all his races, and was probably unlucky.

War Again and Golden Tooth should win races in their second season, and the coming two-year-olds are excellent in make and shape and breeding. Mr. Cuffe's Uplander, trained by E. Parkinson, is another useful hurdler, who should win further races.

AGES IN 1945.

Persian Rose, b. or br. g., a., by Khorsheed—Rosy O'Grady

Durbar, br. h., a., by Diligence—Dunlavin Girl.

Sun Drop, gr. m., a., by Alishah—Ingoldsby.

Willie Ryan, b. g., a., by Beau-Frere—Marthill's Darling.

Pongo, br. g., a., by Embargo—Minden Lass.

Ensor, br. h., 6, by Lochiel—Maryfield.

Millard, b. g., 6, by Embargo—Mileaia.

Lucky Sprig, ch. c., 5, by Bel Aethel or Rosolio II—Sprig of Fish.

Beldore, b. c., 5, by Bel Aethel—Battledore.

Speechless, gr. c., 5, by September—Errand-Stutter.

FOUR-YEAR-OLDS.

Water Serpent, b. c., by Shining Tor—Hydra.

Wings Ashore, b. g., by Montrose—I'm No Angel.

Clear Crystal, b. f., by Rosolio II—Field Glass

Orator, ch. c., by Mieuxce—Oracion.

Royal Apron b. g., by Apron—Santroyal.

THREE-YEAR-OLDS.

Emblem Rose, b. c., by Montrose—Lady Grattan.

Zeiss, b. c., by Embargo—Field Glass.

War Again, ch. c., by Rosolio II—Battleforth.

Golden Tooth, b. g., by Montrose—Yukon Gold.

TWO-YEAR-OLDS.

Hosanna, ch. f., by His Highness—Ourida.

En Garde, ch. c., by Challenge—Night Wind.

Oui Oui, b. c., by Diplomat—Sweet Gale.

Ch. c. by Legend of France—Ganyia.

Ch. f. by Montrose—Battledore.

Ch. f. by Montrose—Golden Vixen.

Ch. f. by Montrose—Toy o' Mine.

B. f. by Rosolio II—Totem.

B. c. by Montrose—Bishop's Lady.

Ch. c. by Montrose—Miramar.

Ch. c. by Montrose—Rosdhu.

Ch. f. by Montrose—Lady Cloverfield.

Ch. f. by Montrose—I'm No Angel.

B. or br. f. by Rosolio II—Battleforth.

Ch. c by Embargo or Rosolio II—Romaning.

B. c., by Cillas—Queen Maeve.

Owners—Mr. Jos. McGrath, Mrs. E. McGrath, Lt.-Col. R. Rivers Smyth, Mr. E. Brophy, Mr. J. E. Phelan, Mrs. J. J. Parkinson and self.

Jockeys.—Rules of Racing—M. Barrett and Jos. Power; I.N.H.S. Rules—J. J. Hill and E. Conlan.

E. PARKINSON'S STRING.

Uplander, b. g., a., by Ut Majeur—Wary.

Aces Up, b. g., 5, by Furrokh Siyar—Festinalia

Shah's Favourite, b. c., 2, by Khan Bahadur—Levee.

Ch. f., by Rosolio II—Another Venture.

Owners—Mr. J. P. Cuffe, Mrs. K. Sweeney and self.

GROUND CONDITION MAY UPSET LEINSTER

By P. D. McWEENEY

JUDGING by the form shown in the local match last week, there is good ground for hoping that the Leinster hockey XI will show more ability to get goals this season than has been the case since 1939-40.

These hopes may not be fulfilled, for the grounds at Limerick and Belfast, where Leinster will meet Munster and Ulster, respectively, in the new year, are not suitable for combined forward play, unless we are granted a long spell of dry weather; but all the five forwards chosen—C. Leopold, R. Walker, J. V. Luce, B. Stokes and W. Haughton — are quick and hard shooters; and, as far as Luce and Haughton are concerned, they have the weight and strength to make their own openings near the circle. Stokes has exceptional stickwork, but he is inclined to over-use the ball; if he can settle down to much the same type of orthodox game as Walker plays, it will be a sore disappointment if this line fails to get several goals in each match.

As T. Lonergan seems to be improving with the passage of time, the forwards ought to get sufficient support from their half-backs. Lonergan knows how to give a through pass in the centre, and K. Tanham, a forward up to this season, is an attacking right-half. With the experienced F Stevenson in his usual place at right full-back, two of the newcomers in defence, A. Mellon and J. W. Brown, the goalkeeper, should have plenty of confidence.

Brown showed signs of reaching the top class last season, but Mellon has made big strides in the present campaign, and gave a fine display in the trial. Although appearing to be small, he is solidly-built, and has plenty of pace.

The Munster team is much as expected, except that S. Fleming, who was an outstanding left-half for Leinster last season, figures at right-half for his new province. He will greatly strengthen the Munster side; and, if Watts and South are as steady as in the past, the Leinster attack will be thoroughly tested on January 13th.

LEINSTER UMPIRES' ASSOCIATION.

Club secretaries please inform the Hon. Sec., L.H.U.A., of any holiday games, and their engagements for Sat., Dec. 30th, and Sat., Jan 6th, as soon as possible.

AN ULSTER "FIFTEEN"

The following Ulster XV has been selected to play in a charity match at Ravenhill, Belfast, on Boxing Day:—A. O'Connor (Malone); W. A. B. Miller (Queen's), J. Saulters (Inst.), G. Mitchell (Inst. and Trinity), J. R. Todd (Inst.); J. Kyle (Queen's), E. Strathdee (Queen's); H. G. Dudgeon (Collegians), F. H. Cromey (Collegians), S. Barnes (Malone), J. E. Nelson (Malone), M. Wauchob (Queen's), H. Hagan (Queen's), E. D. Bunting (R.U.C. and North), W. Wilkin (Queen's).

"CARBERY'S" ANNUAL

"Carbery's" Christmas Annual, just published, maintains the high standard set by previous issues. The author's life story of Thomas Davis, brief though it is, will have a particular interest for his readers in view of the centenary of the Irish poet and essayist.

Other features are: The history of the Scottish national game of shinty, so closely related to the Irish game of hurling; reminiscences of old Irish athletic champions; a review of the life of William Bulfin; a month-by-month survey of hurling and Gaelic football, coursing, and horse-racing; and thirty Irish ballads and original poems. The annual, published by "Carbery's" Publications, 35 Dartmouth square, Dublin, is excellent value for 2/-.

Small Changes in Securities

PUBLIC interest was on a restricted scale, and markets on the Dublin Stock Exchange made a quiet start to the week. Chief attention was paid to Irish securities, and, although price changes were small and featureless, the undertone continued fairly firm.

Great Southern Rails were harder. The Ord. advanced to 70½ and the Pref. improved to 69½; the Guar. strengthened to 80½, but the Deb. eased to 99½. Great Northern junior issues moved in irregular fashion. The Ord. gave way to 32½, but the Pref. was raised to 49. Dublin Transport Ord. eased to 28s. 4½d.

Guinness Ord. closed slightly better at 136s. 7½d., but Alliance Gas Ord. declined to 23s. 3d. McBirney Ord. were a weak spot, and relapsed to 5s. 9d. Cement Ord. continued in favour, and made further headway to 46s. 7½d. Solus "A" Ord. eased to 46s. 3d., but a few other Irish Industrials were dealt in at steady levels.

British Industrials inclined easier, chiefly through lack of interest. Imperial Chemical Ord. drooped to 38s. 6d., and Imperial Tobacco Ord. to 161s. 6d.

MARKET HOLIDAYS

The Dublin Stock Exchange will be closed from Saturday, December 23rd, to Wednesday, December 27th, both days inclusive.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS

(*) Odd lot. (a) Asked. (b) Bid.
(Previous prices in parentheses.)

GOVERNMENT FUNDS—4½ p.c. Third National Loan (111¾), 111¾, 111¾; 4 p.c. Conversion Loan (109½), 109¼; 3¾ p.c. Financial Agreement (under £200) (109½), 109¼; 3¼ p.c. National Security (106¾), *106¾; 4½ p.c. Land Bonds (116), *116⅛, *116¼; do. (under £200) (115¾), 116; do. New (under £200) (112½), 112½; 4 p.c. Land Bonds (under £200) (106¾), 106¾; 2½ p.c. Consols (81⅛), *81⅜; 3½ p.c. War Loan (104¼), 104 3/16; do. Deed (104), 104 1/16; do. (under £200) (104 1/16), 104 1/16; do. (Bank of England), 104 1/16; 3 p.c. Local Loans, 94⅝.

CORPORATION STOCKS—Limerick 3½ p.c. (99¾), 99¾.

BANKS—Hibernian (52/6), 52/6b; Munster and Leinster (138/4½), *138/6; National (50/9), 50/3.

BREWERIES — Guinness Ord. (136/6), 136/3, 136/7½.

SHIPPING — Grand Canal Pref. (122/6), 122/6.

RAIL GROUP — Great Northern Ord. (32 15/16), 32¾, *32⅝; do. Pref. (48⅞), *48⅞, 49; Great Southern Ord. (69⅞), *69½, *70, *70½; do. Pref. (69), 69, 69¼, 69½; do. Guar. (80), 80½, 80⅞; do. Deb. (99½), *99⅝; Dublin Transport Ord. (28/6), *28/4½.

IRISH INDUSTRIALS—Alliance Gas Ord. (23/4½), 23/3; Arnott Ord. (107/-), 107/-; Assoc. Properties Pref. (26/-), 26/1½; Carroll Pref. (29/3), 29/3; Cement Ord. (46/3), 46/7½; Hammond Lane Ord. (46/6), 47/6b; Irish Dunlop Pref. (32/-), 32/-; Irish Sugar Pref. (28/-), *28/-; Irish Wire Pref. (22/6), 22/6; Johnston Mooney Ord. (32/-), 32/-; McBirney Ord. (6/3), 5/9; Mooney (J. G.) Ord. (71/6), 71/6; Solus "A" Ord. (46/6), 46/3; Williams and Woods Ord. (34/6), 34/6; Yam Seng Rubbers (1/7), 1/7.

BRITISH INDUSTRIALS—Electrical and Musical, 34/6; Imperial Chemical (39/1½), 38/6; Imperial Tobacco (161/9), *161/6; Tate and Lyle, 64/-; Vickers (17/9), *17/10½.

D.U.T.C. Debentures

Under the provisions of the Transport Act, 1944, the Dublin United Transport Company's obligations in respect of the £300,000 3½ per cent. Mortgage Debentures will be assumed by the new Statutory company (Coras Iompair Eireann) as from January 1st, 1945.

For every £100 of Preference or Ordinary stock in the Dublin United Transport Co., Ltd., holders will receive £145 of 3 per cent. Redeemable Debenture stock in Coras Iompair Eireann. For each £100 of G.S.R. 4 p.c. Debenture, holders will receive £100 of 3 p.c. Redeemable Debenture stock in the new company. For each £100 of Guaranteed Preference, the holder will get £50 in 3 p.c. Redeemable Debenture stock and £50 of Common stock. The Preference and Ordinary stocks are being converted into Common stock on a pound for pound basis.

Stockholders, on conversion, will be entitled to receive cash for the par value of any fractional part of their holdings.

Preference shareholders in Pim Bros., Ltd., yesterday formed a committee to meet the directors to discuss the proposed reorganisation scheme.

Greyhound Racing Shares In Demand

SPECULATORS have been directing much attention for some time to Greyhound Racing shares. The theory is that the companies will enjoy big attendances when present control over the number of meetings which can be held during the week is withdrawn after the war.

Share values have appreciated to levels which discount the future some distance ahead. In fact, market dealers have maintained for some time that many of the shares are already overvalued. Results now published by Greyhound Racing companies indicates that shareholders must exercise patience before any favourable results can be published.

Southend Stadium in the year to September 30th last turned a loss of £349 into a net profit of £806. It is necessary, however, to provide £900 for taxation, including deferred liability. The year's result is that the carry-forward is reduced from £2,292 to £2,199. The stadium remains under Government requisition.

Gloucester and Cheltenham Greyhound announced profits of £16,801, against £17,510, for the year to last September, with the Ord. dividend repeated at 8 p.c. The 2s. Ord. shares of the company stand at 5s. 6d. It may be noted that the top price in 1938 was 3s. 7½d., when the company was paying 16 p.c. dividend. Southend Stadium 1s. Deferred shares are quoted at 3s. each, which seems a high level for the holding.

NEW CIVIL AIRCRAFT

Brief details of the output by Handley Page, Ltd., are given in the chairman's statement, included with the annual report and accounts. The Halifax, he stated, has continued to be made in large quantities by the company and a number of daughter firms forming the Halifax group.

As to the future, the company is engaged on a new civil aircraft, the Hermes—a large four-engined transport, capable of carrying up to fifty passengers over a considerable range in a fully-pressurised cabin.

Net profit for the year, at £169,776, shows an increase of approximately £24,600 over the previous year; but the increase is due to the fact that last year provision of £25,000 was made for deferred repairs, while this year no further provision has been made. The final dividend, as previously announced, is 15 p.c., tax-free, following an interim of 10 p.c., less tax. The company's 5s. shares are valued at about 23s.

A report of Rhokana Corporation for the year to June 30th last shows a net profit of £1,748,244, which is £439,008 less than in the previous year. This includes £97,500 as gross dividend from Mufulira Copper Mines, against nil the previous year. It should be pointed out, however, that the previous accounts included a figure of £389,000, on account of cost claims for 1941 and 1942. As a result, the year's figure is not far removed from that of the previous year. Taxation is reduced from £753,833 to £51,759, and transfer to reserve from £500,000 to £422,880. Final Ordinary dividend, as previously announced, is 15 p.c., again making 25 p.c. for the year. The report states that the production of copper and cobalt at the mines proceeded satisfactorily throughout the year. The annual meeting will be held in London on December 27th.

Armstrong Siddeley Development. — Final 8½ p.c., making 28½ p.c. for year (same).

A. J. White.—Interim 5 p.c. (same).

LONDON CLOSING PRICES

Consols 2½%.	81 7/16	81 5/16	−1/16	3% Conversion.	103 1/16	103 3/16	−1/13
Do. 4½% ...	111 9/16	111 11/16		3½% Conversion	105 7/8	106	
3½% War Loan	103⅞	104		2½% Land ...	91	93	
3% War Loan.	102	102⅛	−1/16	I.F.S 4½% Ld	114½	116½	
Funding Loan.	113 9/16	113 11/16		Local Loans	94 15/16	94 7/16	
Victory Bonds.	113 11/16	113 13/16		Nat. Def. 2½%.	100 15/16	101 1/16	

BONDS—RAILS—BANKS		
Brazil 20-Yr. A	81½	
Do. 40-Yr. B.	70½	
Great Western.	59	
L.M.S. Ord....	31½	
Do. 4% Pref.	78½	
Do.5% Red. Pf.	103*	
Do. 4% Pf. '23	62½	
L.N.E. Pf. Ord.	8	
Do. Def	3⅞	
Do. 1st Pref..	61	−¼
Do. 2nd Pref.	32	
Sth. Pref. Ord.	77½	
Sth. Def. Ord.	25½	
Do 5% Pref..	119	
Arg. Gt. W. 5% Deb.	56½	
B.A. Gt. Sth..	12	
Do 4% Deb..	62	
B A. and Pacific 4% Deb.	73	
Do. Con. 4½% Deb.	55	−½
B.A. & Western	11	
Do. 4% Deb..	56	−½
Canadian Pacific	14⅞	
C. Arg. 4% Deb	56	−¼
Do 5% Deb. 1967-87	62	−½
Barclay A	55/0	+0/3
Lloyds	61/9	−0/3
Midland Bank..	10 21/32	
Westminster £1.	94/9	

INDUSTRIALS		
Allied ...	52/0	
Austin (5/-)....	29/9	−0/3
Assoc. Cement.	61/10½	−0/1½
Ass. Br. Picture	22/0	
Babcock & W..	53/0	
Baldwins	6/10½	
Brown (J.)	28/0	−0/3
B S.A.	24/1½	−0/1½
Bleachers	13/4½	−0 3
Brad. Dyers ...	24/9	−0/3
Braz. Traction..	26⅜	−⅛
British Celanese.	36/3	−0/9
British Match..	42/1½	−0/6
B.A. Tobacco..	5 21/32	−1/32
Beechams Def..	19/6	
Boots Drug....	55/6	
Bolsover Coll..	51/0	
British Alum..	45/7½	
British Oxygen..	87/9	−0/9
Brit. Plaster Bd.	38/8	−0/3
Brit. P Cement	4½	
Bass	175/0	
Brit Insulated..	114 0	
Callendars	114 0	
Cammell Laird	10/6	
Consett Iron ..	8/1½	
Crompton P.	33/9*	
Coast Lines..	17/3	−0/3

INDUSTRIALS (Cont.)		
Cab & W. Ord	84¼	
Calico Printers	18/9	−0/1½
Coats	50/10½	
Cory, Wm. ...	98/0*	
Clan Line	5	
Cunard	22/0	
Courtaulds	57/4½	−0/1½
Carreras B	18/10½	0/1½
De La Rue....	9 19/32	−1/32
Dorman Long...	27/6	
Dunlop	48/0	
Distillers	108/0*	
Elec. & Mus...	35/0	−0/6
Eng Sew Cot..	36/7½	−0/3
Eng. Electric .	56 0	+0/3
Ever Ready....	42/0	
Ford	36 3	−0/3
Fine Spinners..	25 9	
Gallaher	7 5/16	−1/16
Guinness	136/6	
Godfrey Phillips	57/3	
General Electric	97/9	
Guest Keen....	38/6	
Harrods	65/3	
Hudson's Bay..	68/9	−0/9
Hawker Sid....	17/7½*	
Harland & W..	16/3	
Imp. Tobacco..	8⅛	
Imp. Chemical	39/3	
Int. Nickel	38¼	
Inter. Tea	18/4½	+0/1½
Johnston & P..	79/0	
Leyland	75/9	−0/9
Lever & Unilvr.	46/6	−0/3
Lever N V.....	46/3	
London Brick..	65/0	−0/3
Morris	45/9	
Murex	5	
Marks & S.....	64/9	
Patons and B..	4 1/32	−1/32
Pressed Steel..	32/3	
P & O Def..	42/0*	
Pinchin Johnson	39/0	
Raleigh	83/6	−1/0
Rolls Royce....	5 9/16	+1/16
Ruston & H....	49/6	
Siemens	36/0	
Sudan Plants..	42/8	
Stewart & L...	55 4½	−0/1½
Thomas (R.)...	13/3	−0/1½
Tob. Sec. T....	4 1/16	
Tate & Lyle..	74/0	
Triplex Glass..	43/6	−0/3
Tube Investment	5 3/32	+3/32
Turner & N...	81/6*	
United Steel..	26/1½	
United South..	4¼	
Utd Molasses..	38/3	
Vickers	18/3	+0/1½
Wall Paper Def.	44 0	
White Tomkin.	46/0	
Watney Def...	90 3	
Woolworth	66 3	−0/3

MINES		
Ang.-Amer. Inv.	47/6	
Ashanti	3 3/32	
Bibiani	29/3	
Blyvoor	6 5/16	
Brakpan	1 5/16	−1/32
Chartered	27/6	
Cons Diamond.	33/0	−0/6
Cons Af. Sel..	21/7½	
Cons G.F.	8 13/32	
Crown	7¼	−⅛
Daggafontein...	2½	
De Beers......	16¼	
East Dagga.....	2½	
East Geduld..	9⅜	
E. Rand Prop.	2 1/32	
Geduld	7¼	+⅛
Govt. Areas....	1 19/32	
J'burg Cons....	3 7/16	+1/16
Langlaagte	7/6	
Libanon	24/9	
Luipaards	18/9	
Marievale	33 3	
Nigel Gold.....	2 5/16	
Roan	9/6	−0/1½
Rhod. Ang. A..	15/3	−0/3
Rhodesian Sel..	11/6	
Rhokana	8 1/16*	
Selection Trust..	25/9	
Simmer & Jack	10/6	
Springs	15/3	
S.A. Land	2⅞	
Spaarwater	8/9	
Venterspost...	2	−1/32
Vereeniging....	77/6	
Victoria Falls..	88/0	
Vlakfontein	1 19/32	
Vogels'bult....	1⅛	
West Holding..	2 5/32	
West Reefs....	63/1½	
West Springs..	1 5/16	
West Wits.....	14 11/16	−1/16
Wit. Nigel....	7/1½	

OILS—RUBBERS		
Anglo-Iranian.	5⅛	−1/16
Attock	67/6	
Burmah	4⅛	−1/32
Can. Eagle....	13/6	
Mex. Eagle....	10/0	
Shell	4 1/16	−1/16
Trinidad Lease..	4⅝	
Do. Pet. Dev..	4	
Ultramar	77/6	
Anglo-Dutch....	20/3	−0/3
Anglo-Malay....	9/9	
Highlands	1	
Kuala Lumpur.	1¼	
Malacca	16/9	
Malayalam ...	39/6	−0/6
Rubber Trust..	25/0	
U Sua Betong	36/3	
Utd. Serdang..	2/4½	

* Ex Dividend. † Ex Bonus.

Lower Trend in London

WAR news had more effect upon the London Stock Markets yesterday than for some time past. The German counter-offensive on the Western front made for distinctly subdued conditions in markets, but it has to be realised that markets have been more or less preparing for the Christmas holidays, and no great volume of trading had been anticipated during this week.

The general trend was lower, but very little selling developed in any section. In fact, the lower values may be attributed almost entirely to lack of support and a protective marking-down of prices by the dealers.

British Funds shaded off slightly, and lower prices were the general rule among Home Railway junior stocks. Argentine Rails showed few alterations.

Interest in the more speculative Industrials has diminished appreciably. This includes the various Tobacco issues, as well as Rayon and Radio shares. Iron and Steels were on the dull side. McNamara 12s. Ordinary finished 9s. 3d. down at 32s. 6d., following news of the offer of 30s. 6d. for the shares by Transport Services, Ltd.

Oils attracted little attention, while Rand Gold shares remained inactive and lower where changed. Diamonds were also dull.

OTHER EXCHANGES

MANCHESTER.—Bleachers, 13/7½; Dyers, 25/-; "Slubbers," 7/6; Calico Printers, 18/9; Coats, 50/6; Courtaulds, 57/3; Dunlop, 48/-; Sewing Cotton, 37/6; Velvet, 17/9; Spinners, 24/6; Henry, 26/-; Collieries, 12/1½ Turner and Newall, 81/6 ex div.; Wall Paper Defd., 44/-.

BIRMINGHAM.—Morris at 46/- and S.S. Cars at 16/- were both harder; Kennings still strong at 21/3 ex-div. Alvis 7/6. Austin "A" 30/-. Dennis 28/-. Dunlop 48/3. Enfield 29/-. Ford 36/- Guy 3/3. Humber 21/7½. Leyalnd 77/-. Lucas 81/-. Lea Francis 2/9. Morris 46/-. Raleigh 84/6. Rolls 111/3. Rover 34/6. Singer 6/6. Standard 32/9.

FOOD MARKETS

DUBLIN FISH.—Lobsters 25/- to 59/- per 13; soles 27/-, brill and plaice 18/8, cod 16/4, whiting 5/7 to 7/6, ray 6/-, and codling 9/11 per stone.

DUBLIN POTATO.—Dates 10/-, Spry's Abundance and Kerr's Pinks 9/-, and Banners 8/- per cwt.

DUBLIN POULTRY.—Turkeys, hens 2/5 to 2/6, choice 2/7, cocks 2/2 to 2/4, fat geese 1/5 to 1/6; chickens, small 1/8½, others 1/6 to 1/7 per lb.

DUBLIN VEGETABLE.—Cabbage 25/- to 42/- load; swedes 3/6, mangolds 2/3 per cwt., and sprouts 4/- to 6/- chip.

LIMERICK CATTLE MARKET.—In-calf and calved cows, best, £32-£48; seconds, £25 10/-£27 5/-; in-calf and calved heifers, best, £24-£32 10/-; spring calving in-calf heifers, best, £21-£22. Stores—Trade dull, with reserves not reached in a good many cases. One and a half year-old bullocks and heifers, £6 10/-£11; weanlings, £4 15/-£7.

GRIMSBY FISH.—Cod, sprags, codlings, haddocks, dogfish, gurnard and whiting (heads on) 6/5; plaice, lemon soles and dabs 15/6; skate 6/5; halibut, turbot, brill and soles 21/6; smoked fillets 16/6, smoked finnans 13/-, wet and dry salt fish 10/- per stone.

FUNERAL

MR. J. HARRINGTON

The funeral of ex-Chief Superintendent John Harrington took place from St. Joseph's, Terenure, to Glasnevin Cemetery yesterday. Mass was celebrated by the Rev. M. Frewen, who also officiated at the graveside. The Final Absolution was given by the Very Rev. J. Canon Sheehan, Terenure. The chief mourners were:—Mrs. K. Harrington (widow); the Misses W., F. and M. Lambert, and M. Clarke (nieces); Mr. P. Dennany and Miss R. Foley (cousins).

IRISH WILLS

Mrs. Eva Caroline Orr (widow), Ashfield Park, Terenure—£4,565 (gross in Eire); Miss Annie O'Reilly, Rathowen, Co. Westmeath—£3,051 (gross in Eire); Patrick Joseph O'Dwyer, Rockview, Iona road, Glasnevin—£3,212 (gross in Eire); Miss Madeline ffrench-Mullen, Belgrave road, Rathmines—£2,051 (gross in Eire); the Rev. Michael O'Leary, Parochial House, Schull, Cork, Parish Priest of Schull, formerly Curate at St. Patrick's, Cork—£5,232 (Britain).

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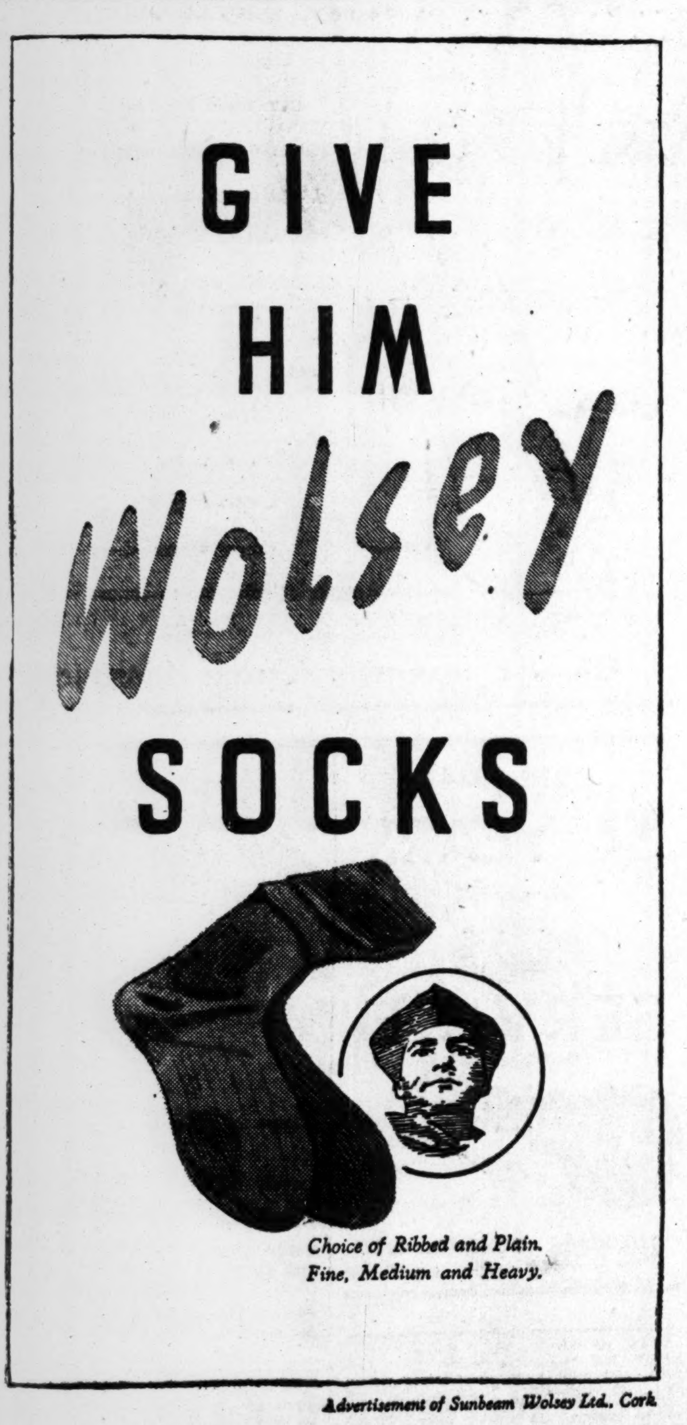

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Woman Throws Doctor's Dress Suit into Canal

MRS. KATHLEEN H. BALL, 25 Mespil road, Dublin, was bound to the peace in the sum of £20 by District Justice Hannon, in the Dublin District Courts, when convicted of the charge of causing wilful damage to a dress suit, dress shirt and shoes of Dr. John Ivor Anderson, National Maternity Hospital. She was ordered to pay £14 2s. compensation.

Charges of the larceny of the clothes and of assaulting Dr. Anderson were dismissed.

Dr. J. I. Anderson said that he had called about mid-day to collect his dress clothes, which he had lent to Mr. Ball. Mrs. Ball went out, but he remained with Mr. Ball. They had been drinking, and during the evening went out to a public-house. Mrs. Ball came back after 7.30 p.m., and her husband took her aside and told her something which he (Dr. Anderson) had told him. Mrs. Ball's attitude then changed. She took up an empty stout bottle and struck him on the head. It was not a severe blow, but caused him to bleed. He tried to quieten her, but she rushed out. Afterwards he saw the suitcase, but the clothes were gone.

Cross-examined by Mr. Herman Good, solicitor, for the defence, Dr. Anderson said that he had stopped at Mrs. Ball's guest house for some time, and now visited it as a friend about once a week.

Mr. Good—Did you make a serious allegation affecting Mrs. Ball's moral character?—Yes.

Then Mrs. Ball saw red, and took up this bottle with which she struck you?—Yes.

In that state of mind, she picked up the suitcase and left the house?—Yes.

Mrs. K. H. Ball, in evidence, said that when her husband told her that Dr. Anderson had made a remark about her moral character, she took up an empty bottle and struck Dr. Anderson with it. In that state of mind, she picked up the suitcase with Dr. Anderson's dress suit, shirt and shoes, and went out of the house and pitched the clothes into the canal. She felt that the remark made by Dr. Anderson meant upsetting her home: it was as serious as that.

District Justice Hannan said that she should not have taken the law into her own hands.

LADIES' DAY AT ROTARY CLUB

Yesterday was "Ladies' Day" at the Dublin Rotary Club luncheon in the Gresham Hotel.

Mr. T. Mason, President, who was in the chair, welcomed the guests, among whom were Count John McCormack and Countess McCormack.

A musical programme was provided by Robert McCullagh and Harold Hope-Johnstone, the accompanists being Miss Dorothy Stokes and Mr. Ken O'Dea. Paddy Henry, the entertainer, completed the programme.

About 200 children, whose ages ranged from five to twelve years, were the guests of the Rotary Club at an entertainment at the Mount Street Club, Dublin, yesterday. They were all children of members of the Mount Street Club.

Each child was given tea, a toy from a Christmas tree, some apples and a bag of sweets.

Death of Mr. Philip Guedalla

Mr. Philip Guedalla, the author and historian, who has died, aged 55, was called to the Bar in 1913, but retired from practice ten years later. He contested unsuccessfully three elections as a Liberal candidate. In August he was appointed a member of the British Cinematograph Film Council.

His writings included biographies of Mr. Churchill, Lord Palmerston and the Duke of Wellington.

In November, 1943, he visited Dublin to give the Lady Ardilaun lectures at Alexandra College.

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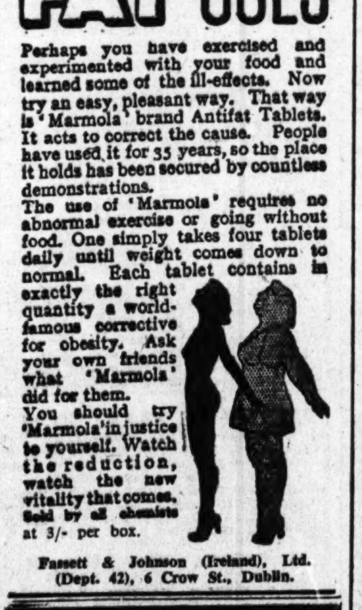

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MR. HAROLD AYLWARD, with some of the children who were entertained to tea by the Rotary Club, at the Mansion House, yesterday.

Intestinal Parasite Causes Connemara Cattle Disease

By a Special Representative.

WHAT is killing Connemara cattle?

In a recent attempt to solve this problem, which has puzzled farmers for years, the Department of Agriculture sent Mr. D. Hyde, M.R.C.V.S., to Clifden to investigate the cause of what has been locally termed the "mystery malady" among cattle in the Ballyconneely, Anyvale and Roundstone areas.

Mr. Hyde feels that he has already found the root of the trouble, although he is still at the experimental stage.

In all samples of droppings taken from about 600 sickly young cattle through the area, an intestinal parasite, which would eventually prove fatal, has been found. Fortunately, the parasitic infection can be cured by treatment. The treatment involves three doses per head at intervals, and is being administered by Mr. Hyde at a nominal fee of 1s. an animal.

The Department's action, though rather belated, is believed to be effective by the farmers concerned. Losses of cattle in this comparatively small area have been very heavy, and represent thousands of pounds. The disease has been notably higher in spring, and in fairly wet pastures. Many small farmers have lost their entire stock. The publicity given to the disease by a Dublin newspaper had not the desired effect. The Department seemed to take the view that the mortality figures were greatly exaggerated, and, consequently, refrained from official action.

A pro-Government publication did what it could to allay any alarms that were raised, and the matter was dropped. The local Civic Guards made a census at the time of cattle mortality in the areas concerned, over a number of years, but whether or not this was done at the instigation of the Department is not clear.

LOCAL REMEDIES

"I believe, however," states our representative, "that the figures showed an abnormal death-rate among cattle in the period covered by the census. The publicity given had one positive result, and that was to make cattle-dealers shy of Connemara fairs. It is now believed that the whole cause of the disease is the wet nature of the grazings in the particular area, and that the intestinal parasite thrives on wet land. This means that the treatment now being given will need to be repeated each year.

"The nearest veterinary surgeon to West Connemara is fifty miles away; consequently the small farmers in the area have to depend on local 'quacks,' whose panacea is Glauber salts and potheen—when it is available.

"Sometimes farmers do not even call in the 'quacks.' Superstition is still strong in Connemara, and if a beast dies it is accepted as a 'cross from God.' Others will say that 'something had to go,' and, 'if it was not the beast it would be the person.'

"This fatalistic attitude is epitomised in the phrase commonly heard in the area: 'It was not for nothing that pain struck him.'"

THEATRE ROYAL PANTOMIME

The danger in launching a "super-show" like the Royal's "Mother Goose" lies in the very big chance of sacrificing beauty and the story to mere spectacle, but the producers of this show never even ran a risk. It is a balanced production, ranging in its appeal from the comparatively slapstick comedy associated with Noel Purcell, through the beauty of Alice Delgarno's dancing, to the poignancy of a scene which illustrates in mime the parting of the famous "Wild Geese" from their loved ones after the Treaty of Limerick had been broken.

Costuming, lighting, timing—all the details of production which, if fumbled, can mar a potentially good show — are, in this pantomime, examples of what they should be.

The story is the familiar one of the Baron (Boloney), Mother Goose and the love of the Baron's step-daughter for Mother Goose's son, with the kind of excellent trimming that the Royal has always been able to give. Waddling through the whole thing is a colossal goose, animated by Johnny Caross, as only an acrobatic actor of his calibre could do it. The first part of the show hinges largely on the humour of Noel Purcell and the dancing of the Rockettes and Royalettes, but in the second part, the full possibilities of the huge cast, the theatre's excellent lighting and the producer's ingenuity are realised. It is difficult to apportion credit in a show so uniformly good. Each member of the cast plays his or her part to the full, even the voice of the goose, done by Grania O'Shannon from the wings, is just right. Noel Purcell is as good as ever, and Eddie Byrne, as Nedser Gander, is, as usual, the perfect foil. Robert Hennessy, as Baron Boloney, the bad squire, who is condemned in the end to do good always, registers his emotions with marvellous exaggeration. Jack Cruise and Michael Ripper, as the two bad henchmen of the bad baron, are as bad as can be. Cruise's solo item, recounting his adventures away from "Ballyslabadashamuckery," is one of the best he ever has done. Alice Delgarno's dancing is excellent, particularly in the international scene, in which she appears as an Eastern dancing girl. Also in the first-rate cast are:—Ursula O'Riordan, Rita Conroy, Pauline Forbes (the Baron's step-daughter), Iris Lawler (Mother Goose's son), Frank Blowers, Michael Reid, Sean Mooney and Maureen Harold.

OTHER THEATRES

Capitol.—"Pot Pourri" is an attractive stage show, with songs by Marie Paul, dancing by Fred Doyle, supported by the Capitol Girls; a lively "Interlude" by Forde and Hendricks, and Maurice Keary singing "The Way You Look To-Night." Leo Rowsome proved immensely popular last night with his selections on the Uileann pipes. Frank Doherty, musical director, has arranged a clever "Band Show," which includes John McKenzie's playing of "The Lark in the Clear Air" as a viola solo. Friedermann's Rhapsody was as entertaining as it was full of interesting orchestral points. Maurice Keary sang with great freedom "Friend o' Mine," and later joined with Jimmy Banks, a clever pianist, in "Concerto for Two." The Capitol Girls added their quota of dancing. Also in the stage presentation is an amusing sketch, "Crime Does Not Pay," with Seamus Forde, Martin Hendricks and Peggy Marshall.

Olympia. — The revue, "Christmas Greetings," includes a short piece entitled "The Miser," in which John Stephenson, Des Allen and Gloria Delany take part; and the representation of an Irish cross-roads, where the City of Dublin Girls' Pipe Band, Miss Kayne's Irish dancers, Denis Cox, baritone, and the company contribute a colourful and lively entertainment. Josie McAuliffe, in songs at the piano, was in demand last night, and Charlie Douglas and Lillian McEvoy were warmly applauded in a musical act. Frances Sheridan, child soprano, made a good impression, and Howard and Quigley appeared frequently in comedy sketches. Michael and Connie Ryan were popular, and Billy Seamons and his accordeon added variety to a good show.

Queen's.—"Laughter Blitz," an enjoyable revue, is retained for a second week. The film is "Jack London."

News in Brief

Higher Beet Price Wanted.—Kilkenny County Committee of Agriculture has called for a price of £4 per ton for beet. payable on a 15½ sugar content.

Superannuation. — Tyrone County Council has fixed superannuation at £350 a year to Mr. E. S. Daly, retired agricultural instructor, and a native of Baldoyle, Co. Dublin.

Shot by Sentry.—On Monday night, at Bantry military post, Sergeant Sweeney was shot by a sentry, and wounded in the head. He was removed to the Military Hospital, Cork, where he lies in a serious condition.

Rail Clerks' Hope.—Dublin No. 1 Branch of the Railway Clerks' Association, at its final meeting on December 13th, tendered their hope for the success of the new transport company (Coras Iompair Eireann).

Half-Way House Licence. — Stating that he would be disposed to grant the licence, provided that certain structural alterations were made, Judge Shannon yesterday adjourned until next session an application by Richard P. Yeates, publican, for a licence in respect of his premises, Half-Way House, Drimnagh, now being extended.

Claim for Commission.—In the High Court, Dublin, yesterday, Mr. Justice Haugh made an order and a cross-order for discovery of documents, and directed an account, in a motion brought on behalf of Bernard Brady, auctioneer's assistant, 78 Lower Dorset street, Dublin, for an account of commission alleged by him to be due by Kevin J. Wilson, auctioneer, Commercial Buildings, Dame street, Dublin.

Dundalk L.D.F. Success. — The Eastern Command Intelligence Shield, won by the Dundalk L.D.F. team in Dublin, was presented by Col. Hoolan, O.C., Eastern Command, at Dundalk. Col. Hoolan also presented cup and medals to the winning team in the District Platoon Competition.

Loses Two Fingers and Thumb.—While endeavouring to take asunder what he believed to be a spent bullet, Patrick Kennedy, a young Roscrea baker, had two fingers and a thumb blown off. He has been detained for treatment in Nenagh Hospital.

Free Night Shelter.—St. Joseph's Free Night Shelter for Women, Girls and Children, Brickfield lane, Cork street, Dublin, appeals for gifts of money, old clothes, food and footwear. During November, 1,218 people were admitted to the shelter, and 2,436 free meals were served.

Turf Lorries Wanted.—The Town Clerk of Nenagh (Mr. S. T. O'Neill) has officially asked the Department of Supplies to release merchants' lorries, to bring fuel supplies to Nenagh. He has also asked that inspectors be sent to the bogs, to prevent low-grade fuel being sold to merchants.

Presentation to Secretary.—To mark his 25th year as honorary secretary of the Dublin Branch of the United Commercial Travellers' Association, a presentation was made to Mr. W. F. Weir, at a dinner held by the branch in the Royal Hibernian Hotel, Dublin. Mr. F. A. Wyatt, president; Mr. A. W. Kirkpatrick, vice-president, and Mr. J. L. Jones, vice-chairman, paid tribute to Mr. Weir's work for the branch.

Money For Christmas Spending

Every year in the second and third week of December Post Office Savings Bank deposits in Dublin fall from about £100,000 to £35,000, showing that depositors are prepared to spend about £65,000 for Christmas. The city banking houses also experience an annual fall in deposits at this time.

Even with restricted choice of goods, Christmas probably now costs double per head what it cost in 1938, yet city stores are packed with customers, and often it is difficult to obtain a seat in a restaurant.

The amount of extra money in circulation when the Christmas been estimated at between one and two million pounds. At the end of the week there will be many additional thousands of pounds in criculation when the Christmas visitors from the North and the country arrive in Dublin.

MR. RALPH ETHERTON, M.P. for the Stretford Division, Lancashire, and Miss Johanne Cloherty, of Foster Park, Galway, who were married in St. Stephen's Chapel at the House of Commons, last Friday.—(A.P. photo.)

Northern Labour Not to Negotiate With Communists

BY 117 votes to 89, delegates attending the resumed session of the Northern Ireland Labour Party Conference in Belfast on Sunday upheld the Executive's decision not to negotiate with the Communist Party or other working class bodies for the establishment of an electoral agreement in the next general election.

In 1943 Labour rejected an application for Communist affiliation, and the Executive held that this decision was binding for three years and precluded discussions on electoral agreement.

The Secretary (Mr. J. Corrigan) asked why Communists had adopted their own prospective candidates if they wished to avoid splitting the working class vote.

The need for friendly relations between the Northern Ireland and Eire Labour Parties was stressed by all speakers on a resolution which was defeated by 195 to 32, seeking to define Labour's aim as "a Socialist Federation embracing Great Britain, Eire and Northern Ireland." The resolution further stated that Labour should support any changes in Northern Ireland's constitutional position only if they led to the formation of such a Federation. Mr. T. Boyd, who moved the resolution, said that previous Labour candidates had been at variance concerning their attitude to partition.

The secretary said that the constitution of the party provided for, co-operation with Labour movements in Eire and Great Britain. Working agreements already existed, although that with the Eire Labour Party had been disturbed owing to the war.

"IN GAY PETERSBURG"

The Nutley Stardust Company last night presented "In Gay Petersburg," an original all-amateur music farce, at Elm Park, Dublin; book and lyrics were by Eithne Stephens, and the music was composed and arranged by Colette Tierney. It was a gay, inconsequential affair of life in a Tsarist Petersburg of 1912—a Petersburg which, with suitable disregard for historical accuracy, sported an Irish embassy; the tunes were catchy, the lyrics bright and snappy, the plot slight, and the dialogue entertaining. Outstanding in a large and efficient cast were Eunan McCarron, Cecil Dickson, Eva Dickson, Ruby Hunt, Kay White and Paddy O'Farrell. The show was produced by Eithne Stephens, and Colette Tierney was at the piano.

LEGAL DIARY

THE SUPREME COURT.—At 11.15. For Judgment.—The State (McCarthy v. Thomas O'Donnell, Judge of the Circuit Court, and the Minister for Defence; the State (Cuthbert) v. the Minister for Defence.

COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEAL.—In the Supreme Court, at 11. Before the Chief Justice. Interlucotory Applications — The People (Attorney-General) v. Thomas McMahon.

THE HIGH COURT.—In Court 5. Mr. Justice Overend, at 11.—Doran v. Lennon. In Court 3, at 11—Mr. Justice Haugh. Summary Summonses. Jury and Non-jury Actions.—For to-morrow—Barrett v. Barrett; the Bank of Ireland v. Sullivan; O'Sullivan v. Gibney.

CIRCUIT COURT.—Before Judge Davitt. In Court 4, Four Courts, at 11—Clinch v. Shortall; Dublin Service Flats (1943), Ltd. v. Beatty; Delaney v. the Minister for Supplies; Weldon v. Halnan; Robinson, Ltd., v. Hopkins. Before Judge Connolly, in Green street Grand Jury Room, at 11—Watchman v. Cohen; Deveney v. Tyrrell; Wauchope v. Hoey; Hanlon v. Doyle. Before Judge Wyse-Power, Chancery place, at 11—Connolly v. D.U.T. Co., Ltd.; O'Farrell v. Henry; Penie v. Duff; McDonald v. D.U.T. Co., Ltd.; Parkinson v. McCauley.

Cost of Living.—The cost of living index number at mid-November, 1944, was 296 (July, 1914, 100), as compared with 296 at mid-August, 1944, with 294 for mid-November, 1943, and with 273 for mid-November, 1942.

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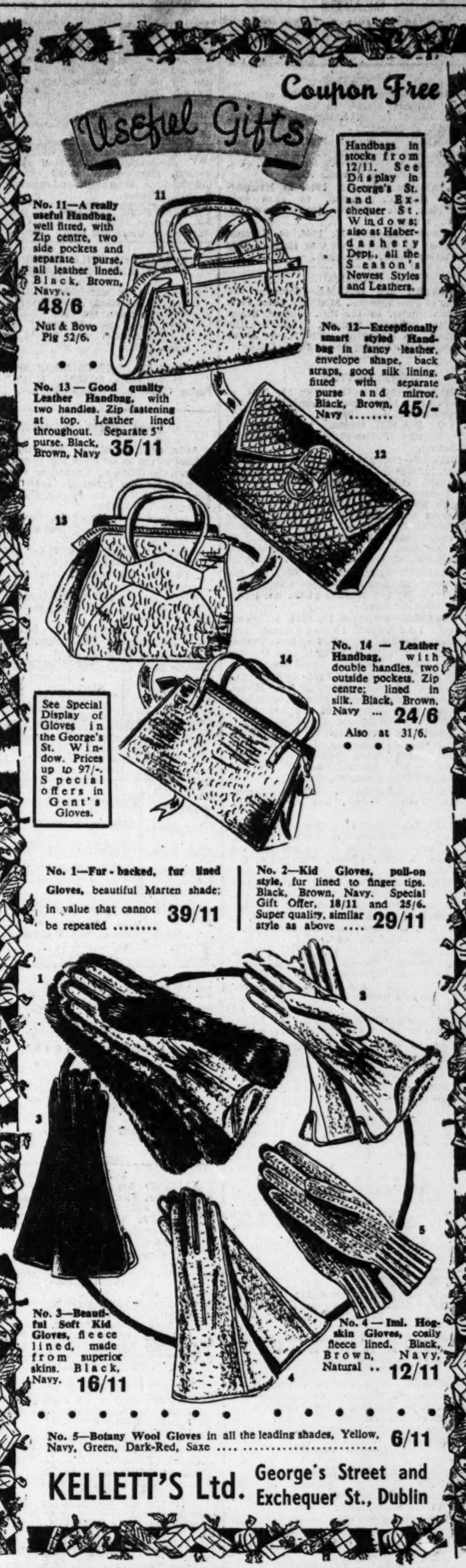

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BIRTHS

BROWNE—December 15, 1944, at Stella Maris Nursing Home, Earlsfort terrace, to Sara, wife of Dr. F. J. Browne, Inishboffin, Galway, a daughter.

BURKE—December 3, 1944, to Ann (*née* Todd), wife of Austin F. Burke, Carlisle House, Belgrave square, Monkstown, Co. Dublin, a daughter (Valerie Ann).

GANT—December 18, 1944, at Hammersmith Hospital, London, to Joan (*née* Trimble), wife of Dr. John Greenwood Gant, a son.

LEWIS—December 14, 1944, at Rotunda Hospital, to Violet Lewis (*née* Harpur), wife of Henry Lewis, a daughter.

MARRIAGE

O'BEIRN and O'NEILL—November 29, 1944, at Pro-Cathedral, Marlboro' street (with Nuptial Mass), by the Rev. Michael Doyle; Peadar O'Beirn, Seapark, Taylor's Hill, Galway, to Geraldine O'Neill, 3 Abbey Chambers, 96 Middle Abbey street, Dublin.

DEATHS

BOYLAN-SMITH—December 13, 1944, at his home, 3 Links road, Prestwick, Ayrshire, Lieutenant-Colonel Samuel Boylan-Smith, D.S.O., R.A.M.C. (retired), beloved husband of Dorothy Boylan-Smith (*née* Davidson-Houston).

BRADY—December 17, 1944, at Baggot Street Hospital, James Brady, late Station Sergeant, D.M.P., Rathmines, and 1 Elm Park avenue, Ranelagh. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing brothers and sisters. R.I.P. Remains were removed yesterday (Monday) evening to Church of Holy Name, Beechwood avenue. Funeral to-day (Tuesday), after 10 o'clock Mass, to Girley, via Navan and Jamestown, arriving about 1 p.m. (S.T.).

CHRISTIE—December 18, 1944, at her residence, 55 Lower Gardiner street, Ellen J. Christie, second daughter of the late Henry and Anne Christie.

CREASER—December 16, 1944, at Bristol, Surgeon Rear-Admiral Thomas Creaser, R.N. (retired), second son of the late Thomas Creaser, The Mall, Drogheda, and the late Mrs. Creaser, Townrath, Drogheda.

CUNNINGHAM WALKER — December 17, 1944, at her residence, Lea House, Pembroke road, Miss Jane Cunningham Walker, third daughter of the late James Walker. Funeral private.

CRUMPLIN—December 15, 1944, at St. James's Hospital, Balham, London, Charles Digby, dearly loved husband of Eileen Crumplin, and youngest son of the late Major William Crumplin, R.A.S.C.

GRACIE—December 9, 1944, in Glasgow, James Wallace Gracie, late of Kilmeade, Athy.

HILL—December 13, 1944, at Lisnagourneen, Castletownroche, Edward F. O'H. Hill (Ted), younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Hill, Clybue, Glenageary, Co. Dublin.

HILL—December 16, 1944, at her residence, 19 Colenso Parade, Belfast, Eva, dearly-loved daughter of Elizabeth and the late George Hill. Funeral to-day (Tuesday), at 11 o'clock, to Dundonald. House private. "At Rest."

HODGES—December 17, 1944, at Glenbrook terrace, Passage West, Co. Cork, Richard James (Canon) Hodges. Funeral strictly private. No letters; no flowers. English papers please copy.

LAWLER—December 18, 1944, at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Edward P. Lawler (late E.S.B. and 18 Great Charles street), beloved husband of Annie Lawler. Remains will be removed to St. George's Church at 5 o'clock this (Tuesday) evening. Funeral, after 10 o'clock Service, to-morrow (Wednesday) to St. George's Cemetery, Whitworth road.

MILLAR—December 16, 1944, at her residence, Killeen House, Killeen, Lenamore, Co. Longford, Anne Millar, relict of Robert Cayne Millar. "Peace, perfect peace." Funeral to-day (Tuesday) from Killeen House to Kilglass Cemetery at 12 o'clock (O.T.). "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

MOFFAT-WILSON—December 3, 1944, at Wolverhampton, Guy Patrick ("Pat"), dearly loved elder son of Mrs. and the late Guy B. Moffat-Wilson, of Albyn, Northchurch, Herts. Please, no letters.

NEWBURN—December 18, 1944, at Rotunda Hospital, Olive Frances, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Newburn, Cootehill. Funeral private.

WHITE-SPUNNER—December 14, 1944, at his residence, Milltown Park, Shinrone, Offaly, William Benjamin White-Spunner.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for this column will be found in Page 3.

MONTH'S MIND

FIELDING—Mass will be celebrated for the repose of the soul of the late Mr. Patrick J. D. Fielding, F.C.S., Cork, at the Church of SS. Michael and John, Lower Exchange street, Dublin, on Saturday, December 23rd, at 10 a.m.

IN MEMORIAM

BROWN—In loving memory of dear mother, who died at Roden place, Dundalk, on 19th December, 1924.

BURNS—Second Anniversary—In ever-loving memory of Phœbe Jane (*née* Hunt), who passed away 19th December, 1942, at The Demesne, Westport.
"What is love, if we forget?"

GENTLEMAN—In loving memory of dear Bobbie, fell asleep, December 17th, 1931.

"Ever a sunset nearer,
Each time the daylight fades."

—The Dean of Ardfert and Mrs. Adderley.

GILBERT—In loving memory of our dear sister, Harriett (Cissie), who died December 19th, 1937; also father, Robert Frederick, who died July 19th, 1941. At Rest.

KELLY (Portarlington)—In loving memory of darling Winona, who died 19th December, 1943.

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How fond, how dearly and how well;
God loved her, too, and thought it best
To take her Home with Him to rest.

Never forgotten by Daddy and Mammie.

MacBRIEN—In memory of our fondly loved ones, Olivia and Ben. Only waiting for the morning.—Henrietta and Bennie.

STUART (Ferry, New Ross)—Cherished memories of William George Stuart, who entered his Heavenly Home on December 19th, 1929, and his son Alec, who joined him on December 22nd, 1942.

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To take them Home to Rest;
And someday we shall meet again
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